

Director's Report to the Board of Trustees

September, 2019

- **SERVICE AND SERVICE PROMOTION**

GOAL #1: To maintain regular and open communications with all governing bodies, boards, librarians and the general public regarding the operations of the Suring Area Public Library.

- I attended the annual ARSL Conference in Vermont September 4th-7th. There were a lot of breakout sessions that dealt with small libraries: Fundraising:Big Ideas for Small Libraries; Embracing Diversity Through Words; Find Them Where They're At (Patrons, that is!); Advocacy Dos and Don'ts; and more. I met other Rural Librarians and exchanged a lot of information with them. There were 2 authors that spoke: Sandra Boynton (author of many children's board books) and Chris Bohjalian (adult fiction author). Again, a conference well worth the trip.

GOAL#2: To create, implement, and evaluate a wide range of programming for all segments of the population with an emphasis on children, teens, families, and senior citizens.

- The movie "Secret Life of Pets" will be shown Thursday, September 19th at 4 PM.
- I went to the Nursing Home last Saturday (9/14). Ten residents came to peruse the items that I brought and ten items were checked out.
- The Adult Summer Reading Program "Blind Date With a Book" will be having their wrap-up get together on Monday, September 23rd, from 3:30-5:00 pm. There will be snacks, a drawing for prizes and discussion about their blind dates. The library will have another "Blind Date With a Book" around the holidays.
- Wednesday, August 28th was Suring School's Back to School Night. We had a table set up showcasing what the library has to offer as well as getting library cards for 6th-8th graders. Seventeen kids got library cards that evening.
- Ten K-2nd grade kids will be coming to the library every Wednesday after school as part of the Suring School's after school program. The first time will be Wednesday, September 18th.
- We still have our Hook and Knit twice a month, Maker Mondays, Storytime and more.
- Betsy Popp will be teaching another class but this time we will be painting a bird sculpture. This event will take place in October.
- In November, we'll be doing a very easy wreath making.
- The annual Halloween Party will take place again at Red Maple GC at the end of October.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

GOAL #1: To nurture the Friends of the Library organization.

- The Friends annual book sale was Wednesday, August 28th – Saturday, August 31st.

GOAL #2: To create and implement a long-term plan for the Suring Area Public Library.

- Always a work in progress.

• **COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

GOAL #1: To review collection development options that include both traditional and non-traditional materials.

- At the ARSL conference, I visited a Thorndike Press booth and entered for a drawing to win \$400 worth of Large Print Books for Kids. The library won! We will be receiving 21 books. The trend is that kids tend to be more focused with Large Print and they also work well with children with reading disabilities.

GOAL #2: To develop and implement a weeding schedule to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing needs/wants of library patrons.

- We will start weeding again next year.

• **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

GOAL #1: To actively assess the care and maintenance of the library building and grounds.

- The Ag class from school has started coming back to take care of the flower garden next to the library.
- The can collector will be moved to the opposite corner from where it is now. Carol okayed the move with the company putting in the Dollar General.

GOAL #2: To evaluate the functionality of the library (i.e. layout, equipment, and facility), recommend, and make changes as needed.

- Laurie and Tina have started creating Autumn displays for our bulletin boards.

The Suring Area Public Library connects people with information, ideas, and experiences to provide education and enjoyment.