

May, 2022 Director's Report To the Board of Trustees

- **SERVICE AND SERVICE PROMOTION**

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 Wisconsin Association for Public Libraries (WAPL) conference May 11-13 in Pewaukee. Some of the sessions that I attended: We Can't Read 'Em All: RA Book Lists for Adults, Tips & Tricks; Who Said Hiring Couldn't Be Fun?; The Dynamite Dozen; Library Player One: Gaming Programs in Libraries; No Money=No Mission. It was an interesting conference with lots of different topics that were covered.
- We had our NFLS Advisory Meeting last Thursday. Each Director in attendance (virtually) gave a library report. We are all busy working on Summer Reading Programs. Our June 16th meeting will take place at Barkhausen Nature Preserve. There will be hiking and a lunch as well.
- I attended the Village of Suring meeting on May 10th. I read a report on what is going on at the library. I will attend the Town of Breed meeting in June.
- Nicolet Federated Library System is offering in-person training in regard to the shared automation system provided by Outagamie Waupaca Library System's shared automation network (OWLSnet), as well as information on Workforce Development Resources available for patrons. This training will take place on Thursday, May 26 and all staff should attend. The library would have to be closed that day.
At the start of the pandemic in 2020, OWLSnet adopted CARL as a new library automation software. For the first time since the adoption of the new system, we are able to provide a more in-depth, in-person training for our member library staff. To continue to implement the goals of the The Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) program, we are happy to provide training in regard to Workforce Development resources. The LAWDS program brought together public library staff with the staff of regional Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) and Wisconsin Job Centers, to facilitate more seamless support of job-seeking patrons, business owners and entrepreneurs. The training will familiarize library staff with the Job Center of Wisconsin's website in order to provide better and more-informed services to job-seeking patrons.

Create and implement a wide range of programming for all segments of the population with an emphasis on children, teens, families, and senior citizens.

- Storytime is still going strong. Children's Summer Reading Program: we've already received \$490 in monetary donations and items for the kids' treasure chest. We are also working on the Adult Program. The adults will read a book, rate it and will be entered into regular drawings throughout the program.
- There will be 3 entertainers for the Summer Reading Program this summer down at Veteran's Park. Kingdom Animalia Exotic Kingdom will be 7/19/22 at 10 AM; David Stokes, 7/20/22 at 2 PM; Randy Peterson, 7/27/22 at 2 PM. These events are free and open to the public.
- Hook and Knit sessions are still going on. I will probably continue through the summer months as people still enjoy coming into the library during the summer.

- Maker Mondays take place the 2nd Monday of the month at 2pm in the learning center. At our June gathering, some New View employees will be attending. We will be painting.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- To nurture the Friends of the Library organization.**

- The friends had their May meeting. Chocolate and Cheer (instead of Wine and Chocolate) took place Friday, April 29th at Red Maple Golf Course. There was a small group in attendance and the Friends gained several new members.
 - The Friends Annual Rummage Sale is now over. There was a lot of stuff! The Friends made \$6,045.83. Their next event is the Pie and Ice Cream Social July 17th.

- **To create and implement a long-term plan for the Suring Area Public Library.**

- There was a Long Range Planning meeting May 18th. The committee discussed what was going to be put on the postcard that will be mailed. We also discussed how the results of the survey will tie in to the Library Strategic Plan.
 - There was also discussion of the Library Standards.

- **COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

- Review collection development options that include both traditional and non-traditional materials.**

- I have ordered more Wonder Books to add to the children's collection and Playaways to add to our adult collection.

- Develop and implement a weeding schedule to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing needs/wants of library patrons.**

- Laurie and Tina have finished weeding. Those items that have been weeded will go into the Friends Book Sale Labor Day weekend.

- **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

- Actively assess the care and maintenance of the library building and grounds as well as evaluate the functionality of the library and recommend and/or make changes as needed.**

- The Suring School Ag class is working on the flower garden outside the library. They will be adding more soil and removing and replanting some of the flowers that aren't doing so well. They have also planted the flowers in the planters outside the front doors of the building.
 - In partnership with Oconto County Health Dept., the library is distributing FREE Covid test kits.

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