

Director's Report October 2026

Agenda Items

- Budget 2027: Using the same formula from the Library of Michigan, I calculated the millage. I swapped the training and travel starting balance as the Library of Michigan offers many free trainings on their Niche Academy that staff have access to.
- Budget Adjustments: Adjustments include professional services, MERs, and author.

Building/Technology:

- The gutters are up. We are monitoring them during rainfall to determine if they are reducing water damage on the wall. I am working with Murphy on restarting the EFIS siding prior to the roof replacement if doable. Start on the new roof is estimated to begin October 26th.

Staff

- One on one performance evaluations will start at the end of the month and continue into November.
- Board members are welcome to participate, Nov. 4th staff meeting starting at 8:45 were Jackie Krawczak will talk about emotional intelligence in the work place.

Continuing Education/Meetings/Outreach

- Meeting with staff throughout the month and leadership meeting
- Meeting with Top of Michigan Insurance
- Meeting with Alpena Agency
- Rotary club meeting
- October staff meeting- Three staff presentations
- Various email correspondence.
- Outreach- Handed out about 30 literacy kits that include a board book, information on library services, and information on 1000 books before kindergarten to participants at the Option Pregnancy event.

Strategic planning:

- Reports from most of the committees are included in the board packet.
- The Collaboration Committee held the Partnership Committee Dialog. There was representation from NEMSCA, Project Connect, Collective Effort, Light of Hope Clubhouse, READ, and the Board. We discussed past collaboration and ideas for future collaboration including food literacy, themed game nights, and a get to know the organizations/resources in our community series.
- The partnerships we would like the board to consider for recognition is Dr. Tom for bringing in a crowd and the Besser Museum for long term collaboration.