

READ Board Report
October 7, 2026

To: Christina Markowski and the
Board of Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library
From: READ Adult Literacy Program
Leslie Kirchoff and Pat Garant

Tutors

Active tutors: 19
Inactive tutors: 6

Students:

Currently receiving services: 19
Tutoring Hours: August 2026: 64.75 hours

Book Circulation:

Returned: 9
Checked Out: 5

- Tom Ferguson (“Dr. Tom”) played the piano in his monthly Words & Music event. For his September concert, 22 people were in attendance and tips were donated to the READ Program.
- Attended the webinar: Understanding Poverty: How to Reduce Conflict and Serve Patrons Better, presented by Ryan Dowd, author of *The Librarian’s Guide to Homelessness: An Empathy-Driven Approach to Solving Problems, Preventing Conflict, and Serving Everyone*. Shared a summary of this webinar at the October staff meeting.
- Attended HSCC (Human Services Coordinating Council) meeting, highlighting area service organizations current activities and concerns.
- Viewed webinar: *Promoting Digital Literacy for Adult Learners (Florida Literacy Coalition)* “Equipping Adult Learners: Strategies for Effective Digital Literacy Instruction”