

# Director's Report July 2026

## Agenda Items

- I included a proposal for Top of Michigan in the board packet. Christine Currly, the agent. She reached out and offered to look over our current insurances and see if we can bundle and save. She stated she would be able to get next year's health insurance information by September for review if we were to go through her with our insurance. She is more than happy to come in and talk with the board if there are any questions and there's an interest in pursuing this relationship.
- I have amended the budget to include the added income from the cashed CD. I talked with Chelsea at Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein stated, "What some governments do in this case is show this in the budget with a budgeted line such as *Budgeted use of Fund Balance*. This obviously isn't a real part of the budget but shows the acknowledgement that you plan to utilize some of your fund balance." I updated some of our line items as per Chelsea's request as the previous line item numbers are no longer utilized for our purposes.

## Building/Technology:

- Contact with TRC Roofing for a timeframe to begin roof replacement. Estimate starting date more towards the fall.
- Murphy's Builders will provide wall repair at the end of July/early August. Currier representative, Michelle, has talked with Dr. Currier and stated they will pitch in half for the wall. I sent them over a Memorandum of Understanding for their review. This is to help clarify who is responsible for what in the project.

## Staff

- Shout out to Lydia for her storytime and running early connections. She has improved in her interactions with patrons and helped redirect some younger patrons from throwing puppets around in the youth department. She has grown a ton in her position since working here.
- Thank you to Bert for being a steady presence at the front desk and her awesome customer service!
- Thank you Cassia for helping out with summer reading and coming back home for the summer to work at the library!

## Continuing Education/Meetings/Outreach

- Meeting with staff throughout the month
- Meeting with Brian Mortimore

- Weekly meeting with Jessica
- Meeting with Top of Michigan Insurance to see what they can offer
- Rotary club meeting
- Staff meeting- Discussed strategic plan and expectations of staff.
- Turning Brook- Read a poem for their 250th celebration.
- Various email correspondence.
- AMAESD- collaboration to help with Early Connections and combine with the Tot Spot program
- Policy/Personnel Committee meeting

#### Strategic planning:

- Here is the strategic plan in completion from start to finish. The parts that haven't been reviewed include data analysis, acknowledgments, and timeline.

#### Youth Programming & Outreach Previous Month Stats

Storytime:

Puppet Storytime:

Early Connections:

Pokemon Club:

Lego Club:

Loot boxes:

Laser Tag:

Squishy Makeover:

Dino Builders:

SRP Kickoff:

#### June Programming

Every other Monday: Pokemon club

Every other Monday: Lego club

Most Mondays: Sewing club

Every Tuesday: Early Connections

Every Tuesday: Tinker Tuesday

Every Tuesday: Puppet Storytime

Every Wednesday: Open MakerLab

Every Thursday: Weekly Storytime

Monthly Loot boxes for tweens/teens

July 16th: House Plant Bingo

July 16th: Laser Tag

July 17th: DnD One Shot

July 17th: Beyond Differences

July 20th: Illustrated History of Soo Locks

July 24th: Living Fossils

July 24th: True Crime Workshop

July 25th: Window Strike Prevention

July 28th: Dino Academy

July 31st: Sunprinting Tote Bags