

Director's Report August 2026

Agenda Items

- Alpena Agency and Top O' Michigan will present on their insurance. Alpena Agency has provided information on Health Insurance as they carry our auto-owners, liabilities, and building insurance.
- We have excess in our account with the County and Amanda suggested we invest in Michigan Class as the County already has an account with them. It will be easy to set up an account where we can add or withdraw from our account at any time. Kristin Angel is willing to talk more about this if the Board would like to pursue this investment.

Building/Technology:

- Murphy's started on the wall at the beginning of August.
- August 4th, the library was closed due to a faulty power line that caused the majority of the building's lights to flicker or not come on. Alpena Power Company had to shut off power to the entire building and Courier building to fix the wire. They were able to fix it that day and the library was up and running August 5th. We lost 7 monitors in the process that simply fried and would not turn on. Nancy ordered replacement monitors and had them installed the following week.

Staff

- James, Bill, and Lydia will be heading to Grand Rapids in September for a MiKidLib Conference for youth librarians.
- Sienna is heading to the Library Marketing and Communications Conference in St. Louis in November.
- Nancy and I will be heading to the UPRLC conference at the end of September.
- Carmen is joining the Leadership Learning Lab this fall.

Continuing Education/Meetings/Outreach

- Meeting with staff throughout the month
- Meeting with Brian Mortimore
- Meeting with Top of Michigan Insurance
- Meeting with Alpena Agency
- Rotary club meeting
- Staff meeting- Discussed strategic plan and expectations of staff.
- Gave a library update for the Alpena Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.
- Various email correspondence.
- Collaboration with Alpena Peace Community to present a puppet show and craft at the Boys and Girls Club

- Policy Committee meeting
- Personnel Committee meeting

Strategic planning:

- During our staff August staff meeting, the staff broke into their committees corresponding to the four goals and started work on part A; gathering information. I have included

Youth Programming & Outreach Previous Month Stats

Storytime: 60	Summer School Visit: 40
Puppet Storytime: 10	DnD One Shot: 7
Early Connections: 93	Living Fossils: 68
Pokemon Club: 17	True Crime: 11
Lego Club: 11	Brightstar Dino Academy: 74
Loot boxes: 19	
Laser Tag: 8	
Dino Bubble Safari: 54	
Dino Dig at Museum: 65	
SRP Finale: 150	

August 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
 Senior Computer Classes
 Summer Reading Finale: August 1
 MakerCamp: August 10
 Friends of the Library book sale: August 13th-15th
 Michigan Notable Author: August 20
 Scrapbook Crop: August 21-22
 Laser Tag: August 27
 Legends of the Petoskey Stone: August 29