

December 21, 2015

## Director's Report

### STATISTICS

People: There were 2,878 people visits to the library in November 2015; Down 985 from November 2014  
Daily average: 120

Circulation: 5,107 items circulated in November 2015; Down 883 from November 2014

Daily average: 261

Internet statistics:

Internet Use: 443 sessions 281 hours

Wireless Use: 456 wireless uses (52 per day)

### DONATIONS

\$12,550.48 was donated for the digitization of the Algoma newspapers by Virginia Feld Johnson

\$ 8,000.00 was donated to the library for the purchase of a microfilm machine by Joyce Trepel

\$ 1,671.92 was donated by the Algoma Library Friends for the purchase of 2 i-pads, and kiosk

\$ 50 was donated by Cathy Pabich – undesignated

\$20 was donated for the purchase of Holiday books for children by Irene Holmeide.

### LIBRARY ISSUES

The library board welcomed Amanda Burns, to her first library board meeting as director of the Algoma Public Library. Amanda has served for 3/12 years as director of the Suring Library before coming to Algoma.

Algoma's newspapers 1873-1960 are now available online thanks to a generous donation in memory of Maynard and Clarice Feld, and in partnership with the Algoma School District acting as host server.

The new microfilm machine has arrived and will be installed when the computer and other equipment arrive. The computer, monitor and printer have been ordered. Installation and staff training will be provided by Integrated Imaging.

The Ron Daggett watercolor/ink/pencil paintings were framed courtesy of the Algoma Library Friends and are now on display in the genealogy area.

Board members received copies of the OWLSNet Membership/Automated Library Services Agreement for review and approval.

The library's carpet has been cleaned. The tiled area will be stripped and sealed before the end of the year.

The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. The library will close at 3 PM on Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve.

Library staff are looking at ways to participate in "Live Algoma" to help our community become and stay healthier.

### Library Activities

Middle school students conducted special Story Hours in December, 104 people attended Milk and Cookies with Santa – sponsored by the Algoma Optimists, baby storytime, teen advisory board holiday card making for LTCU; stuffed animal sleepover; after school movies; bookworms; lasting literature club; 5<sup>th</sup> grade book club; kindergarten reading; craft-graham cracker gingerbread houses and ice cream cone Christmas trees; reading assistance dog, Trooper; internet hour; Afternoon Matinee for grownups; craft and game days during winter school break; Star Wars bookmark and snowflake craft; Adult coloring program.

### PROGRAMS

There were 33 programs in November (6 for adults, 10 for families, 17 for children) with a total attendance of 341.