

**Marathon County Public Library
Director's Report to the WVLS Board
May 2015**

THE PAST MONTH

Meetings with the Management Team are scheduled weekly on Thursday mornings.

**Library Services Report
March 2015**

News

- Posted Hatley branch assistant position opening and began reviewing applicants.
- Attended weekly manager meetings.
- Attended LMDP workshop.
- Met with LMDP assigned mentor to discuss goals.
- Attended V-Cat Steering Committee meeting, where finalization of the budget was a main topic of discussion.
- Attended the Marathon County Library Board of Trustees meeting.
- Met with a Witmer Furniture representative to discuss shelving replacement options.
- Hosted Library Services team meeting where customer service and security guidelines were main topics of discussion.
- Met with Becky to discuss Staff Development Day plans.
- Visited branches with the collection development specialists in order to rebalance DVDs, weed dead material and make shifting recommendations for improved use of space.
- Hosted Branch Coordinator meeting where branch needs, statistics tracking and collection updates were main topics of discussion.
- Met with the Director regarding branch needs observations and a plan for addressing them.
- Met with Becky, Kate, Katie, Chris and Mary to discuss Missing in inventory and Workroom item issues.
- Worked with Rachel to modify the language of the Donation Policy.
- Katie finished reviewing older juvenile nonfiction at Wausau.
- Katie is actively working with Collection HQ to modify Dewey ranges to get better results.
- Kate & Katie are working on rebalancing the DVD collection at branches.
- Kate & Katie have done a clear out older lucky day items and are developing a schedule for regular clear out.
- Kate is actively studying collection age by subject in order to keep timely subjects current.
- Kate is replenishing collection holes in various nonfiction subject areas and the classics.

- Kat is developing a program with Judicare (a local nonprofit law firm) about renter's rights. We are ironing out details for a late July program.
- Kat is working with the City of Wausau to get tenant information brochures into the library. We had an initial run of 50 brochures and had to reorder some because of popularity.
- Library Services reference staff supervised a student who needed job shadowing experience at the reference desk.
- Kat is designing new Plat book ads for their upcoming publication.
- Kat has agreed to test statistical analysis tools that WVLS and the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium are developing.
- Taylor is gathering contact information for our Community Partnerships list.
- Taylor attended various Early Years Coalition functions.
- Taylor and Laine did several outreach events including the Stettin Teen Science Fair and several school visits to the library.
- Laine and Taylor met with the Monk Gardens Education Coordinator to discuss 2016 program collaborations.
- Laine continues to collaborate with Lee Yawkey Art Museum to create bookmarks with book lists that relate to the current exhibit.
- Chad delivered donations to the Marathon County Jail for the inmate library.
- Chad met with representatives from two University of Wisconsin campuses to discuss setting up an adult learning/returning learner/degree completion college fair at the MCPL Wausau sometime in June or July to include representatives from at least 5 different UW campuses
- Rachel compiled a comprehensive magazine research summary with library comparisons.
- Rachel reviewed and modified magazine orders for 2016.
- Rachel researched Spanish speaking population of Marathon County to aid in collection development in that area.
- Julie is working with Josh from WVLS regarding MineCraft and plans to roll out an inaugural session for the public in November.

Events and Programs

YOUTH SERVICES WEEKLY EVENTS

- Story Times:
 - Book Babies: 5 programs; attendance—187
 - Tales for Tots: 10 programs; attendance—205
 - Preschool Story Time: 7 programs; attendance—131
 - Daycare Story Time: 2 programs; attendance—117
 - Play and Learn Story Time: 4 programs; attendance—200

- Family Story Time: 1 program; attendance—25
 - Story Time totals: 29 programs; attendance—865
- Family LEGO Club; 5 programs; attendance – 57

YOUTH SERVICES ONE-TIME EVENTS

- Feb. 18-Mar. 20: Shamrock Scavenger Hunt (passive): children found 5 shamrocks hidden in the children's department; participants—132
- Mar. 4: World Read Aloud Day: children and families listened to stories read out loud; attendance—11
- Mar. 7: Movin' and Groovin': children and families explored rhythm and movement; attendance—80
- Mar. 7: Art Cluster Reception: children and their families from the Wausau School District's Art Cluster program viewed their artwork; attendance—450
- Mar. 11 & 14: Exploration Station: Science: children and their caregivers explored science with hands-on experiments; 2 programs; attendance—65
- Mar. 16: Hawthorn Hills Boys & Girls Club Visit: children from the Hawthorn Hills Elementary School Boys & Girls Club got a tour of the library and learned about the aquarium; attendance—22
- Mar. 17: Grant Boys & Girls Club Visit: children from the Grant Elementary School Boys & Girls Club got a tour of the library and learned about the aquarium; attendance—21
- Mar. 17: Tween Club: Tweens explored science; attendance—2
- Mar. 19: Owen-Withee School Visit: children from Owen-Withee Elementary School got a tour of the library and learned about the aquarium; attendance—53
- Mar. 19: Stettin Science Fair Outreach: Laine & Taylor had a booth at the Stettin Elementary Science Fair where they conducted an elephant toothpaste science experiment, talked with parents/caregivers and students, and handed out information about the library; attendance—110
- Mar. 21: Anna's Million Dollar Cow: children and families listened to local author Mary Denk's book, *Anna's Million Dollar Cow*, and did related arts and crafts projects; attendance—81
- Mar. 30: Spring Break: DIY Crafts: children created craft projects with various materials; attendance—85
- Mar. 31: Spring Break: *The Penguins of Madagascar*: children and families viewed *The Penguins of Madagascar*; 2 programs; attendance—52
 - Total Number of Programs: 49
 - Total Attendance: 2086

TEEN EVENTS

- March 3: Teen Advisory Group meeting; attendance – 7
- March 4: World Read Aloud Day – sampling of audiobook and Playaway devices/lessons; attendance - 0
- March 10: Working with App Inventor; attendance – 6

- March 12: Experimenting with Yarn weaving program; attendance – 0
- March 17: Teen Advisory Group meeting; attendance - 7
- March 24: Working with App Inventor; attendance – 6
- March 26: Teen Movie Night – “It’s Kind of a Funny Story”; attendance – 0

Number of teen programs: 7

Attendance/Participation for teen programs: 26

ADULT/ALL AGES EVENTS

- March 1: Learn about the Woolly Mammoth; attendance – 32
- March 4: World Read Aloud Day OverDrive audio class; attendance – 0
- March 5: Knit Night monthly knitting club; attendance – 10
- March 9: Mondays with TED, featuring several talks from the TED lecture series; attendance – 0
- March 10: Movie Night – “Big Hero 6”; attendance – 42
- March 12: Classic Matinee Monday (rescheduled to Thursday) – “The Lady Vanishes” – attendance – 1
- March 16: Mondays with TED lectures; attendance – 0
- March 16: Women’s Night Out Book Club; attendance - 9
- March 18: Creative Power, VSA Wisconsin traveling art display (March 18-May 20); observed spectators through March 31 - 6
- March 23: Classic Matinee Monday – “Anatomy of a Murder”; attendance – 7
- March 24: Movie Night – “The Theory of Everything”; attendance – 25

Number of adult programs: 11

Attendance for adult programs: 132

Media Summary

Social Media Statistics:

MCPL Facebook Likes: 1,840 (up 22)

MCPL Teen Zone Likes: 63 (up 2)

Twitter Followers: 740 (up 29)

Pinterest Followers: 733 (up 69)

Goodreads followers: 171 followers (up 3) 581 reviews

- Hot Happenings in the River District (email newsletter)
 - March 4: Art Cluster reception mentioned
 - March 11: Experimenting with Yarn event mentioned
 - March 18: VSA exhibit mentioned
 - March 25: Craft projects mentioned
- WXCO Sunny 1230 AM
 - March 18: “Coffee Break” segment with MCPL’s Chad Dally
- WSAW Channel 7

- March 1: Traveling Fossil Museum Educates Natural History to People of All Ages <http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Traveling-Fossil-Museum-Educates-Natural-History-to-People-of-all-Ages-294599011.html>
- March 2: March Book Clubs with the Marathon County Public Library <http://www.wsaw.com/news/sunrise7/headlines/March-Book-Clubs-with-the-Marathon-County-Public-Library-294644311.html>
- March 30: Library Sets Up Full Week of Spring Break Activities <http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Library-Sets-Up-Full-Week-of-Spring-Break-Activities-297997241.html>

- WFXS Fox 55
 - March 4 : International Reading Holiday Celebrated by Wausau Library <http://www.myfoxausau.com/story/28266530/2015/03/04/international-reading-holiday-celebrated-by-wausau-library>

- Wausau Daily Herald
 - March 14: Case of the Weird Blue Chicken Book Review <http://www.wausadailyherald.com/story/life/2015/03/14/book-review-case-weird-blue-chicken/24528375/>

- Marshfield News Herald
 - March 30: Seniors Invited to Gardening Program <http://www.marshfieldnews herald.com/story/news/local/2015/03/30/seniors-invited-gardening-program/70637064/>

- WAOW Channel 9
 - March 4: International Reading Holiday Celebrated by Library <http://www.waow.com/category/135525/video-landing-page?clipId=11200918&autostart=true>
 - March 20: Library Features New Art Exhibit <http://www.waow.com/category/135525/video-landing-page?clipId=11261010&autostart=true>

- City Pages
 - March 5-12: Big Guide- The Lady Vanishes Screening, Big Hero 6 screening, MCPL Hatley Parenting program, Movin' and Groovin' story time, Experimenting with Yarn, S.T.E.A.M. exploration stations, LEGO club and story times.
 - March 12-19: Big Guide- Family Fun Night, Mondays with TED, VSA Creative Power, Design a Disc, Tween Club, LEGO club, story times.

- March 19-26: Big Guide- Author Mary Denk, Anatomy of a Murder screening, Theory of Everything screening, VSA exhibit, LEGO club, App Inventor, Teen Movie Night, story times.
- March 26-April 2: Big Guide-Teen Movie Night, Craft Day, story time with the Humane Society, Frozen Coding, Experimenting with Yarn, LEGO club, story times.
- Record Review
 - March 4: Edgar Family Fun Night and book club meeting of “Orphan Train” mentioned in the community briefs. Marathon book club meeting of “The Bees” mentioned in the community briefs. Stratford LEGO club, story time and book club meeting mentioned in the community briefs.
 - March 11: Edgar Passports event mentioned in the community briefs. Stratford book club meeting of “Orphan Train” mentioned in the community briefs.
 - March 18: Athens Play and Learn story time mentioned in the community briefs.
 - March 25: Edgar book club meeting of “Divergent,” Altered Books program, and Civil War speaker program mentioned in the community briefs. Stratford garden program mentioned in the community briefs.
- Families First
 - March-April edition: Colossal Fossils Mammoth Skull program, Dr. Seuss birthday celebrations. World Read-Aloud Day, Art Cluster reception.

Monthly Report for Circulation and Support Services – March 2015

- Staffing: Janice Adams and Mai Ka Thor have been moved from 20 hour to 30 hour per week positions. They have filled the duties that were formerly done by Robyn Grube.
- Becky attended the following:
 - Chamber of Commerce Leadership Excellence Program on March 11, 2015
 - Library Board meeting on March 16, 2015
 - Marathon County Leadership Culture Survey Results Meeting on March 31, 2015
 - Support Services team meeting on March 26, 2015
 - Roundings with Circulation, Support, and Page staff members
 - Meetings on mending procedures, staff development day, missing in inventory items, reports, I.T. throughout March
 - Weekly managers’ meetings
- Ralph, Becky, and Leah have monthly meetings set up to do policy reviews

- Circulation Summary – March 2015 statistics versus March 2014 statistics
 - All circulation reports can be viewed at <http://www.wvls.org/reports/>
 - Athens -11.68
 - Edgar -9.84%
 - Hatley -2.80%
 - Marathon +1.55%
 - Mosinee +8.85%
 - Rothschild +7.39%
 - Spencer +1.31%
 - Stratford +6.18%
 - Wausau -7.90%
 - Wausau Drive-up +1.76%
 - Homebound +29.50%
 - ILL +120.78%
 - Overdrive +16.25%

Branch Report March 2015

Athens Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- In March, Athens held five story times with 22 adults and 58 children in attendance.
- The week before St Patrick's Day we had a four leaf clover search in the library. The library was decorated with three leaf clovers with six four leaf clovers hidden among them. Thirteen children searched for the four leaf clovers.
- On March 12th, one person came to book club for a discussion on the book "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. The discussion also included comparing and contrasting the book with the movie.
- LEGO Club met March 26th. Two tweens showed up to make creations inspired by the game Minecraft.
- Trinity Lutheran School classes visited the library 12 times this month. A total of 15 adults and 120 children came into the library to check out books.

Circulation Statistics

- Athens circulated 2,224 items in March 2015. This is an 11.68% decrease. Athens has circulated 7,316 items in 2015. This is a 4.22% decrease.

Library News

- In the children's area we set out Easter and spring books. These books have been checked out often.
- The first week of March we set out a crochet book display for National Crochet Week. Most of the books displayed were checked out. The display also led to many brief conversations on whether patrons prefer to knit or crochet.

- Since March is Women’s History Month, we put up a display of books about women throughout history. When we first set out the book display, the books went out very quickly. Some patrons even started ordering books after reading one of our selections and deciding they wanted to know more about a particular woman.

Edgar Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- Family Story Time: Edgar held 4 regular family story times with a total of 30 adults and 100 children attending.
- Family Fun Night: Edgar held Family Fun Night on March 16. 8 adults and 13 children participated.
- Book Club: In March, book club met and 8 people discussed Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. In April, the club will discuss Divergent by Veronica Roth.
- Passive Programs: 25 patrons celebrated Dr. Seuss’s Birthday in March by telling us their favorite book.
- Passport Event: On March 23, 6 patrons received passports.
- Upcoming Programs: Family Story Time, Family Fun Night, and Book Club will continue as usual. National Library Week will be celebrated with a Teen Book Club, Teen Altered Book event, and a Gardening Program.
- Class Visits: Edgar had 4 class visits with 4 adults and 24 children.
- Other: The juniors and seniors of Edgar and Marathon Schools participated in the Cents of Reality program. 150 students participated.

Circulation Statistics

- Edgar circulated 2328 items in March. This is a 9.84% decrease from last year. In 2015, Edgar circulated 5433 items. This is a 17.72% decrease from last year.

Library News

- Edgar staff attended the roll out sessions and completed the County’s culture survey
- Leah, Kate, and Katie visited our library to assess our collections and our space.

Hatley Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- Family Story Time (held Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11) included stories, songs, finger plays and March themes including e.g. Happy Birthday Dr. Sues (with dress up), shapes, Happy St. Patrick’s Day (leprechauns, clovers and rainbows), and signs of spring. Along with stories, early literacy learning was emphasized and the letters of “Ss”, “Rr”, “Cc”, “Tt”, “Ll”, “Bb”, “Ff” and “Gg” were emphasized. 23 Pre-K children and 27 adults (50 total) attended this month.
- Our littlest patrons enjoy Hatley’s Play & Learn playgroup. Held Thursdays from 10-11:30 the participation has grown with 25 adults and 40 children attending this month.
- Our Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss Yertle the Turtle Craft program had 13 participants.

- On March 5, “Whining, Tantrums, Back Talk, Oh No!” parenting program (discipline techniques) had 10 adults attending. Responses expressed appreciation for the information shared.
- Passive programs included a Dr. Seuss celebration of “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish” titled “Fish in the Dish”. Patrons guessed how many gold fish were in a bowl. We had 34 guessers. Encouraging St. Patrick’s Day fun, we asked patrons who are they “*Lucky*” to have in their life? (*passive*) 2 participants contributed.
- Hatley Book Club met March 10, at 2pm and discussed “Welcome to the Great Mysterious” by Lorna Landvik. We have a growing book club with eleven (11) participants who discussed the virtues of a life of fame vs. normalcy in small town America.
- Upcoming Programs include our April *Book Club* and preparations continue for *SLP*.

Circulation Statistics

- Circulation for the current month (March) 3,122 (-2.80%), and year-to-date 8,767 (3.23%).

Library News

- Along with *Book Bundles (Family Time, Spring, Construction)*, we continue to re-organize, weed and highlight aspects of our collections. This month we have moved our new early readers and picture books. With the coming of spring and appropriate decorations, we have book displays highlighting e.g. Dr. Seuss, Easter, spring, outdoors and weather, faith topics, and fitness themes. Our *Red Box (DVD highlights)* display draws patron interest. Our “*Take some, Leave Some*” magazine exchange has magazines coming and going.
- *Collection HQ transfers* were 52 items. 14 -28 updates were 58 adult, 73 juvenile, and 14 YA.
- Staff news: On March 31, Marsha Y. attended the County Organizational Survey results roll out. Staff will be oriented to the results in the weeks ahead. Marsha Y. also completed webinars e.g. DPI’s “*Library Services for the Hmong Community*”, WISPUB’s “*Keeping Your (library) Space Positive*”, and Simple K’s “*Google, Search Tips and Collaboration & Communication*”. Karen J. officially retired April 1 (the last original staff member of the branch). Until her replacement is found, multiple subs and schedule changes will be necessary.

Marathon City Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- Family Story Time: Marathon held four family story time events with a total of 70 children and 39 adults attending.
- Book Club: The participants read the novel, *The Bees* by Laline Paull. Unfortunately, no one attended the discussion this month. In April, we will meet to discuss the novel, *The*

Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. Our new Cook Book Club did not draw in anyone again, this month.

- Family Lego Club was held on March 17 with 8 participants. Lego Club meets the third Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30.
- We hosted a “Design a Disc” teen event on Wednesday, March 18, and 13 participants created some very unique and creative works of art.
- Passive Programs: We are LUCKY here in Marathon City! During the month of March, we asked patrons to tell us: Why they loved their library? Who they were lucky to read with? Or What Books enriched their lives? They filled out either a heart, shamrock, or gold coin. We displayed the symbols by our front desk. Forty-eight patrons participated. We also asked patrons to “Try their Luck” and pick out a book from our “Mysterious Pot of Gold (Books)”. Thirteen adults/children took a chance and checked out a wrapped book.
- Upcoming Events and Programs: Our Family Story Time, Lego Club, and Book Club will continue as usual. We will be hosting a “Mighty Microbots!” teen event on Wednesday, March 18 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

Circulation Statistics

- Marathon circulated 3,938 items during the month of March. This is a 1.55% **increase**. So far, in 2015, Marathon has circulated 11,271 items. This is a 2.36% increase from last year.

Library News

- We continue to work on weeding, shifting and spring cleaning our adult fiction, paperbacks, and juvenile fiction areas.
- We have received many new titles, especially in our adult fiction, DVD, and audiobook collections.
- Lisa attended the Bi-monthly Branch Coordinators’ meeting.

Mosinee Monthly Report

Programs and Events:

- Dave G. led four story times in March 2015. A total of 48 children and 35 adults participated.
- The Mosinee Book Club met on March 16th to discuss *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Seven individuals attended the discussion.
- This month branch staff put up displays relating to St. Patrick’s Day and Dr. Seuss at the beginning of the month as well as Easter decorations during the latter half of the month.
- On March 9th, a patron used the branch’s microfilm resources as well as the hard copies of the Mosinee Times stored upstairs to locate obituaries for teaching purposes.

Circulation Statistics:

- Mosinee circulated 4,109 items in March 2015. This is an 8.85% increase. Mosinee has circulated 10,669 items in 2015. This is a 1.81% increase.

Library News:

- Anna attended LMDP on March 4th. She also met with her LMDP mentor on March 23rd for one hour.
- Staff are working to implement new security measures for the upstairs area and to reorganize our DVD and audiobook collections.

Rothschild Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- Family Story Time: Rothschild held 6 regular family story times with a total of 13 adults and 18 children attending. We also had 2 special family story times. 39 people attend our Dr. Seuss Celebration and 85 people attended our spring break story time with the Marathon County Humane Society.
- Family LEGO Club: Rothschild held Family LEGO Club on March 14th. 2 adults and 5 children participated.
- Book Club: In March, book club met and 9 people discussed *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. The book club members really enjoyed the book! In April, the club will discuss *The Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.
- Create with Rainbow Looms: 7 tweens participated in our Rainbow Loom night. Everyone had a great time and showed off their creative skills.
- Passive Programs: 125 people celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by voting for their favorite book. *The Lorax* was the favorite followed by *Green Eggs and Ham*.
- Upcoming Programs: Family Story Time, LEGO Club, and Book Club will continue as usual. We have many events planned for this spring including an Earth Day story time, an adult gardening program, and two tween programs. On Saturday, April 18th, The Get Smart Wausau Coalition and United Way of Marathon County are partnering with us to present Reading Makes Cents, a program where children can hear stories emphasizing financial literacy. We are also busy getting for SLP.

Circulation Statistics

- Rothschild circulated 12,230 items in March. This is a 7.39% increase from last year. In 2015, Rothschild circulated 33,862 items. This is a 7.92% increase from last year.

Library News

- We spent a lot of time working on our collection this month and implementing the changes suggested by Leah, Katie, and Kate. We weeded and thinned our YA collection, weeded and thinned our adult paperback collection, and weeded and thinned our Juvenile fiction collection. We also ran Collection HQ transfers lists and changed over the new books to regular books.
- We switched around our adult DVD and adult paperback collections so we have more room for our DVD collection.
- We moved our Juvenile fiction to make room for our Juvenile biographies. In turn, this allows us to have 4 move shelves for picture books.

- Laura continued to work on the Branch Operations Manual.
- Laura attended the bimonthly Branch Coordinator's meeting and the Management Team Leadership retreat to learn about the Culture Survey results.

Spencer Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- March 3rd was Spencer Library's Older American Program Day. The discussion was given by Cathy Joswiak from the United Way. Her presentation "Hypertension Prevention" enlightened seniors as to what they are eating in certain canned foods. 8 seniors attended.
- Book club was held on March 16th & 19th. Memoirs of Geisha was discussed. 16 attended.
- Four story times were held with a total of 14 attending.
- Lego Club was well received as 16 participants built Easter themed projects.
- 'What are you most looking forward to this summer?' was our Passive Program question this month. Twenty three people are anxiously looking forward to summer.

Circulation Statistics

- Spencer circulated 2,326 items in March. This is an increase of 1.31%. Spencer has circulated 6,411 items in 2015. This is a decrease of 2.72%

Library News

- Wendy D., the new branch assistant in Spencer has been getting more acquainted with our computers and the patrons in Spencer.
- Our passive program question, "what are you most looking forward to do this summer" had many different responses. People told us they are excited to camp, garden, ride bike and complain that it is too hot!
- Wendy and I have been working to find more room in the small children's department. Moving books around, moving shelves, and moving our owl to a top shelf in the juvenile section gained us more room for displays in the children's area.

Stratford Monthly Report

Events and Programs:

- In March, Stratford held four family story times with 25 children and 17 adults attending. Two preschool story times were held with 2 adults and 23 children in attendance. March Book Club had nine adults present to discuss the book "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline.
- Seven classes from St. Joseph's School visited the library in March to check out books.
- Family LEGO Club was held in March with 3 adults and 9 children constructing LEGO creations.
- April events will include Book Club on April 20 discussing the book "Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton. Family Story Time and LEGO club will also continue in April.

- To celebrate National Library Week Stratford will offer an Enchanted Miniature Garden Program on April 14 at 6:00 pm.

Circulation Statistics:

- Stratford checked out 2,372 items for the month of March a 6.18% increase. For the year 2015 6,734 items were checked out at Stratford. This is an increase of 4.65% from last year.

Library News:

- March was National Nutrition Month, books on display were about nutrition. Fiction mystery books were displayed with a sign "Get Lucky with a Mystery".
- Leah, Katie and Kate visited the library to check on our space for DVD's and assess our collection. Suggestions were made to improve the flow of our space. We will be working on rearranging some areas and also weeding additional areas.
- We are receiving new materials from the Mead Witter grant funds and displaying them for check out.

Finance Monthly Report – April, 2015

Finance: In this report we continue supplying informational graphs. The following two pages show our actual expenditures compared to the proportional amount of calendar year passed. The important thing to remember is that expenses that cover multiple months, or even a full year of services or goods, will certainly skew the report in the short term. That said, the information provided will be sufficiently accurate to generate a discussion of trends and opportunities especially as the year progresses. This may be a tool we can use to better spend allocated funds during a calendar year rather than carrying funds forward.

Questions concerning the trending demonstrated are welcome so that action is not taken without the full understanding of the impact of large once a year expenses.

We are coming into the budgeting season. While no official guidance has been made available, we are beginning to have price increases presented to us by our vendors and partners. **The largest of these has been an additional \$8,670.00 presented in the WVLS / V-CAT 2016**

budget.

Director's Activities:

3-16-15	EYC Steering Committee Meeting
3-16-15	Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
3-17-15	Meeting at Mosinee Branch w/Jeff Gates/City Administrator/re:security
3-18-15	Chamber Coffee Talk series at CWA
3-20-15	County Department Heads Meeting
3-20-15	Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Meeting
3-23-15	Friends of the Marathon County Public Library Board Monthly Meeting

- 3-27-15 Public Engagement Project Meeting
- 3-30-15 Organizational Culture Survey Meeting
- 3-31-15 County Department Heads Retreat
- 4-3-15 LIFE Report Steering Committee
- 4-6-15 Meeting at Dudley Tower re: Rib Mtn. Connections Place project/senior center
- 4-6-15 Monthly Meeting w Dr. Hager
- 4-8-15 Monthly meeting with Library Board President Scott Winch
- 4-9-15 Library Advisory Council Meeting
- 4-10-15 Meeting w/Corp Counsel re:RPF language
- 4-10-15 County Retirement and Recognition Banquet
- 4-13-15 Meeting w/CIP Committee re: potential building renovations
- 4-15-15 Policy reviews w/Leah and Becky
- 4-17-15 County Department Heads Meeting
- 4-20-15 Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 4-20-15 EYC Steering Committee Meeting
- 4-20-15 Friends of the Marathon County Public Library Board Monthly Meeting

NEXT MONTH DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES:

- 4-20-15 Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 4-20-15 Friends of the Marathon County Public Library Board Monthly Meeting
- 4-21-15 Tech Days Program/WVLS/Medford
- 4-23-15 Kiwanis Speaking engagement/2510 Restaurant
- 4-24-15 Public Engagement Project Meeting
- TBD Monthly Meeting w Dr. Hager
- 5-1-15 LIFE Report Steering Committee
- TBD Policy reviews w/Leah and Becky
- TBD Monthly meeting with Library Board President
- 5-13-15 Cross border agreement meeting via telephone
- 5-18-15 EYC Steering Committee Meeting
- 5-18-15 Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

LIBRARY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS:

Director is using Facilities Dept. template to construct RFP for planning and visioning project. Corp Counsel will review once it is completed, then it will be posted.

Connections Place project/senior center in Rib Mtn. is a possible opportunity to add a library service delivery point.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, CONTINUING ED, WORKSHOPS:

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS:

Any other issues or items of note:

Letters and notes are posted at the Library Board Meeting.