

# **Library Director's Report**

## **About me**

I'm from Sobieski, Wisconsin and have lived here all my life. I grew up going to Gillett to visit my grandparents, so I remember when Ben Franklin was in town and when the site of the bank was a grocery store. I have worked in libraries since 2011. I have a Masters degree in Library and Information Science.

When I'm not working I knit, crochet, read, write. I am very interested in history and genealogy. Fun fact about me is that my cousin is Charles Ammi Cutter. My school librarian from Sunnyside Elementary School, Kathy DeBoth, always believed that the library should be about the patron and that we should make the library user friendly. I will try to apply this idea to the Gillett Public Library.

I look forward to getting to know the Gillett Community and applying what I learned in library school and hope that I will meet the information needs of the Gillett Community.

## **Library Updates**

It is strange times in the library with no patrons. That said we are tackling a few projects around the library. We are doing a weeding and inventory of several collections. We are also making fixes to item and patron records in preparation for the migration to CARLX later this summer, if it does not get delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On top of learning the administration side of the library, I am also working on giving the Gillett Library a large print section. Through the weeding process staff has discovered a lot of large print books. Putting large print in its own section will help patrons find what they want easier. I am getting very familiar with the collection at Gillett which is making my to-do list growing as well as giving me reminders of what I have learned in the past about collection management.

We implemented curbside pickup, per Wisconsin DPI Guidelines, staff wears masks and gloves when they prepare items for pick up. Items are bagged with a notice of the precautions we take, and recommended precautions. Since we do not have regular van delivery, patrons can only access Gillett Public Library Items. The first week a majority of our appointment slots were filled. Second week, there was a drop off and the results of the third week are mixed. Monday we had seven pick ups and on Wednesday it dropped to three.

I am keeping an eye on happenings in regards to COVID-19, especially in regards to libraries. This pandemic has shown that libraries and librarians are in this together, and that we will be the ones who will come up with solutions for the libraries. It has been a fascinating debate as well as an interesting research topic. The future for libraries in a post-lockdown world should be very interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

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