

## **BURT TOWNSHIP LIBRARY REPORT**

### **REPORT LIV**

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~"Starlog 4/28/2018. Beautiful day out there-first day of spring? Here come the summer seasonal people and soon the town will be busy and I'll be complaining about the heat and bugs"! So it looks like the start of the summer library season and we are in great shape down here. Bring on the *summerers*!

~The librarian received a call this morning –at Pilonia-from Lisa Cromell, the library director in Munising. She told me that the new computer(s) have been acquired and it may show up here some time in June (I *think* that's what she said-I was still on my first coffee and she had tons to say!).

~Lisa will also be holding some workshops here (library-related) in the early part of the summer. Some on various uses of the computer for library services-great. And another workshop will be---actually a presentation---

~A famous hiking person-won some time/speed records for hiking on the North Country Trail-will be coming to Grand Marais to give a one hour presentation on her quests and adventures some time early summer – here at the Community Center. Lisa said she will try to book a local room for her and her entourage. That should be interesting and most likely will draw an audience. I must remember to put up any posters over at the park and around town.

~I will maintain a summer book sales area by placing two short folding tables out in front and using colorful balloons for attention. I have plenty to put out.

~I have brought in an "old-fashioned" microfilm reader to use in the history/heritage corner of the library (right next to the front door). On this I will place a historic (copy) document-it is a film of the very first newspaper to publish

in the UP-the *LAKE SUPERIOR JOURNAL*, which was the predecessor to the Marquette Mining Journal. I think the film spans the dates of 1850-1870. It covers the Civil War and very early mining and shipping news on Lake Superior. Also Sault Ste. Marie news-as that's where the paper was first published.

~Relative to the above-I have quite a few patrons checking out titles from the library's UP and local history collection. As part of my "grand reorganization" of the library sections, I am moving this whole collection from one shelving hutch to another-right next to the entry door. The microfilm reader will be next to it on its own shelf (I know this is obsolete technology but I want to see how the interest goes. I can tie it in with the heritage programs available online. We'll see!)

~Visitation holds steady. Locals use this library! And what is interesting, is there are some new folks located in the vill and they have been in here to fill out patron use library cards and will apply for the Munising card as well. Great!

~I guess that about takes care of the last month or so. Looking forward to the summer (summer? ---has *spring* even *sprung* here yet? I've still got enough snow in my back yard to hold a musher's race!).

That's all folks!

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