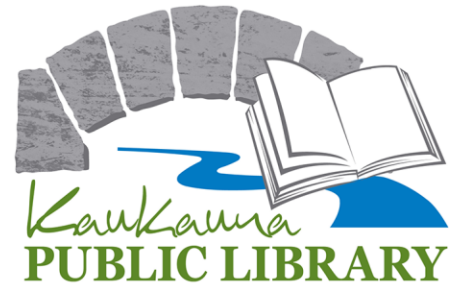


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 5/20/2025
Re: Community Partnerships



In April, Associated Bank granted the Friends of the Library \$500 for the Summer Feeding Program. The grant was written by Library Trustee Van De Hey, and we are very grateful for the time he spent on it. Associated Bank employees will also be volunteering at the Library on June 25 and will be packing lunches for us among other tasks!

In May, Kaukauna Utilities donated \$2,000 for the Summer Feeding program. This month, Trim Hunger was also gracious enough to go shopping for us and purchased items that go into the lunches for us to give us a head start to be ready for the program to start. Summer Feeding Program will begin after the last day of school and will run during all operational hours in the summer until school starts again in the fall.

I also met with Winnebago County Public Health, Winneconne Public Library, and Neenah Public Library via Zoom to discuss the lunch/food insecurity efforts all our libraries are doing. The goal of the meeting was to learn how libraries are meeting community needs to see how the County can help. While we are not in Winnebago County, they were interested in learning about our model. This discussion involved the potential of the County attempting to negotiate wholesale costs from a vendor for us and potentially bring a donor on board who might be interested in helping with delivery costs, which would save us time and help stretch the budget further.

This month residents from Round House Manor also visited the Library and brought snacks to donate for our after school kids! They stayed after and toured the art show with us.

During the month of May, we also annually host the KASD Art Show. This was certainly more interesting this year in terms of space with the construction, but we made it work! They hosted their annual awards ceremony here and the art display was in Adult Fiction and behind the circulation desk.

Since our last meeting, we also had the KASD Administrative team volunteer at the Library! They kindly prepped many of our Take and Make kits for summer!