

NEWSLETTER

Friend of Silver Bay Public Library

Fall 2025



SINCERE THANKS TO PATRONS!

With a new space there are always added things needed to enhance the beauty and function of that area. The FOSBPL have been trying to supplement the library with some of these items. With the help from money made during the Summer Book Sale we have been doing just that. Over 425 people showed up to browse and purchase used books, puzzles and CDs netting over \$1200.

If you've attended programs in the large meeting room or used the computers, you may have noticed the blackout blinds that help regulate the lighting.

This summer we also replaced the manual vacuum with an iRobot that prowls the night picking up bits & pieces from the floors freeing staff for more programming and activities during the day.

With funds donated in remembrance of Ross Judkins the FOSBPL were able to purchase a tet-e bench from the Amish Furniture Haus which along with the other bench nice outdoor seating on the new patio.

A sincere thank you goes out to all the folds who donated money, books, bought books and the big & small ways they make out library a vibrant and comfortable space to spend time at.

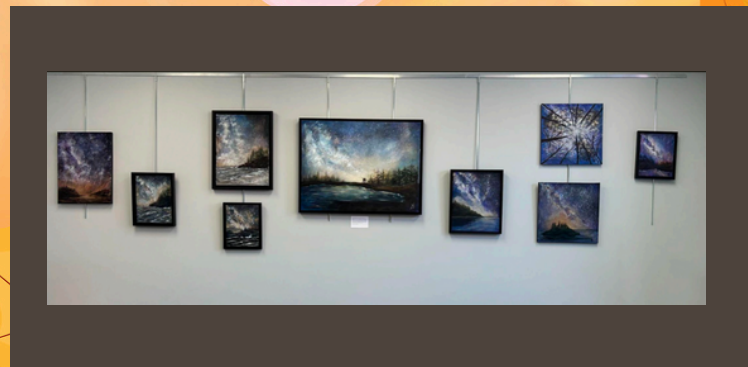
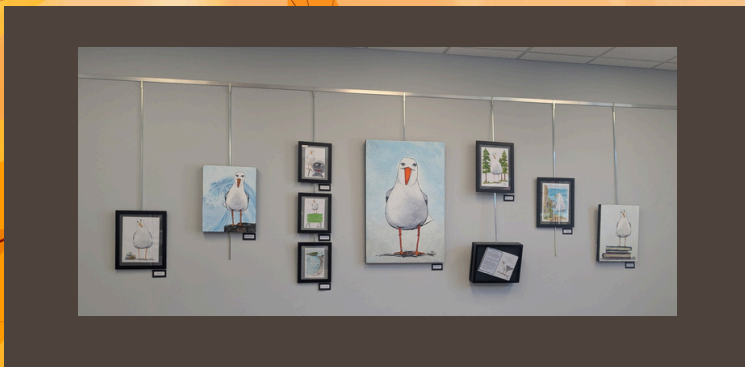
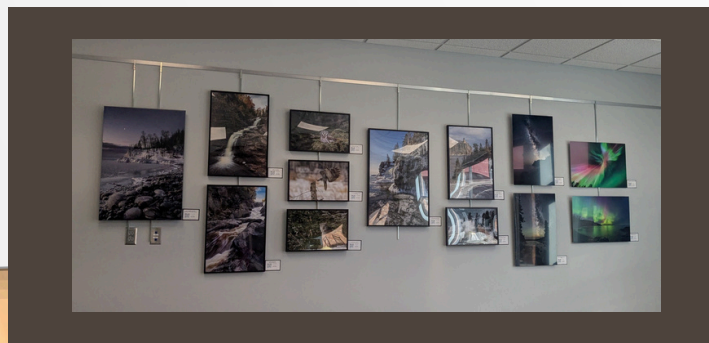


Art Gallery Wall

Local Artist Display Showcases Local Talent

From the moment the newly remodeled Silver Bay Library re-opened its doors last fall, our patron's use of the library has been at an all time high. Not only is our community proud of our new space and furnishings, but there is a lot of enthusiasm for a new program that showcases local art on our community room walls. Thanks to the shared efforts of the Friends of the Library and Library Board, a hanging system was purchased and installed in our new activity room, and three local artists were asked to "kick off" this program by each providing a two month display of their art. The response was one of delight as patrons enjoyed their art and met each of the early artists. We want to thank Deb Birkeland for sharing with her night sky paintings; Paula Anderson, who brought us "Jonathon" the Seagull; and Jill Beim, whose outdoor photography captured the beauty of the north shore. Their opening displays allowed for time to assemble a team, consisting of: Deb Birkeland, Lisa Berg, Leinell Clarke, Julia Kloehn and Kurt Mead, to help define program goals and logistics; select future local artists interested in sharing their art; and provide the library staff and artists with display support and a reception for each of our artists as they open their displays. Here are some of the specifics.

We look forward to next art display in September-October: we will have a "3 Generation Art Show" with paintings by Lauri Hohman, Stacey Hohman, and Chloe McWatters, and also Paul Michalski who does colored pencil drawings of birds.



The background is a warm, orange-toned collage of various autumn leaves. A white, torn-edge paper cutout is positioned in the upper left, containing the main title and a large paragraph. Several individual leaves are scattered around the paper, including a large red maple leaf on the left and a cluster of orange and yellow leaves on the right.

Thanks to our Summer Help

You may have noticed some new faces helping around the library this summer. One summer employee was hired and two summer student volunteers were also hired. Their contribution to making your time enjoyable goes without saying. Some of their duties have been working the circulation desk checking in and out books, helping find books for you, shelving books and generally helping keep the library operating smoothly. We'd like to say "good-bye" for the summer to these three workers and hear in their own words how their time with us was.

Layla

I worked at the library this summer because I love the library, all the events and programs have always been some of my favorite summer activities. So when I got the opportunity to work here I jumped at the chance. I liked learning how all the programs were prepared and I also liked getting to plan the crafts.

Briar

I chose to volunteer at the Silver Bay Public Library because I heard it was a fun job. I enjoyed shelving the books and DVDs because I also enjoy putting things in chronological order. I learned how to determine where to place books on shelves by reading the stickers on the items.

Grace

I volunteered to work at the Silver Bay Public Library this summer because I love the environment of a library and I wanted to be a librarian when I was younger. Among the many things I've done during my volunteer hours, I have really enjoyed meeting new faces and making new friendships I wouldn't have made if I hadn't decided to dedicate my time over the summer at the library. It has been such a fun experience!

Landscape Project

The Library is working on a plan to beautify the landscape around our newly renovated building. A committee made of the Friends of the Library and the Library board met on July 14th, we reviewed the proposed landscaping plan in depth. Discussion related to sustainability, signage and the flow of the landscaping took place. Options for a permanent sign will be brought back to the city for future planning. The idea was proposed to do the landscaping in stages, starting with the preparatory work in 2025 and the planting of perennials in the spring of 2026. There will be free standing flowerpots for annual plants and flowers as well. Look for more information coming soon about how you can help make our outdoor space more beautiful!

