

"Information & Services for Ideas & Knowledge"

## **Southgate Veterans Memorial Library Director's Report**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### ***School Visits***

Jennifer Pickles visited several local schools, where she provided students information about the library, and read a story. We also had a visit from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at St. Pius, who came to the library to work on a school project (I believe they needed resources for biographies or animals). New librarian Amie Fuentes was able to go with her for some of the school visits as well.

### ***ALICE Training***

On Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, library staff underwent active threat training, provided by the Southgate Police Department. The training followed the ALICE model: Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter, Evacuate, the same training they have provided to schools and businesses in the area. It was an interesting event that should help staff know how better to react to potential threats. We will likely make this an annual training event.

### ***Michigan Library Association Spring Institute***

Both Jennifer Pickles and Amie Fuentes are attending this year's MLA Spring Institute for Youth Services, this year held in Frankenmuth. They have already left, the event is held over the next two days, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The event gives them the chance to network with other librarians around the state, attend workshops, meet vendors, and more. It's an educational opportunity that we expect will give them ideas and knowledge to bring back and use at the library, improving our services and offerings.

We held officer elections, the results of which are

President: Elizabeth Altizer

Vice-President: Kim Guentner

Secretary: Mary Lamos