

READ Board Report
September 2, 2026

To: Christina Markowski and the
Board of Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library
From: READ Adult Literacy Program
Leslie Kirchoff and Pat Garant

Tutors

Active tutors: 19
Inactive tutors: 7

Students:

Currently receiving services: 20
Tutoring Hours: July 2026: 74 hours

Book Circulation:

Returned: 2
Checked Out: 4

- Hosted a Tutor Meeting for all tutors. Due to inclement weather we moved our meeting to the Stillion Conference Room. Tutors had an opportunity to share a success they have had with their learner, ask questions, and meet new tutors. We also discussed the new SERGE Program (Sobriety, Education, Re-entry, Growth, Empowerment) which is dedicated to successfully reintegrating justice impacted individuals into society. Its goal is to provide a unified, streamlined support system by bringing together community partners from various sectors –including social services, education, business, law enforcement and faith based organizations. The READ Program is available to provide GED and basic literacy tutoring to individuals who have been released from incarceration or are currently incarcerated. We surveyed tutors present who may be interested in this type of tutoring assignment. We also discussed an article which pointed to a troubling decline in reading. “According to the National Endowment for the Arts, which conducts the most comprehensive survey of the nation’s reading habits, fewer than half of all adults reported having read a book of any kind in 2022.”
- Attended the library’s Leadership Meeting. We discussed the implementation of the Strategic Plan
- Attended staff meeting at Light of Hope Clubhouse, which included a tour of the facilities. The READ Program provides tutoring services to clubhouse members.