

## Library Director Report April 2019

**BP: Building Projects**

**CR: Collaborations including representing MPL in Local, State, National, and International roles**

**EL: Early Literacy.**

### **LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION (BP) (CR) (EL)**

#### *Pinney Project:*

We are now the proud owners of a gray box at Royster Corners. City Engineering has been creating a construction schedule with Tri-North. So far Tri-North has come in running with a whole list of items to approve so they can begin purchasing to prevent delays to completion.

We continue to meet to resolve our furnishings needs and how the space will function. In addition, on May 8, 2019, we will have a public presentation of the public art projects being proposed for the new library.

#### *Imagination Center at Reindahl Park:*

I have made a request to the Local Voices Network to see if they will make their technology available to this project for recording community conversations. This would greatly assist Kevin with the collection and processing of this information.

#### *Goodman South Madison Library Renovation:*

We have planned for a May 28<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Renovation. The community gathering will be between 3-5pm, it would be great to see you there.

### **NEW MAYOR & COMMON COUNCIL (CR)**

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Satya Rhodes-Conway was sworn in as Madison's new mayor. In addition, we witnessed a large turnover of the Common Council with 9 first time alders. It will take a while to sort out how these changes will impact the Library. Mayor Satya introduced some changes to the CIP process that include more targeted narratives tied to the Imagine Madison Comprehensive Plan, establishing metrics for the projects, and providing more detail on capital programs. This should not be a problem for the Library since we have already started to connect our strategic lens with the elements identified in the comprehensive plan. I have a one-on-one meeting scheduled in May to meet with Mayor Satya and we are preparing a handout for her and the Common Council to give a quick overview of MPL. I also have one meeting scheduled so far with one of the new alders. I will continue to make contact and introduce them to MPL.

In addition, congratulations to Alder Harrington-McKinney for being selected to continue her role on the Library Board. And, an additional congratulations for being elected by her peers to the office of Vice-President of the Common Council.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (CR) (EL)**

MPL has received a formal invitation from the founders of Anji Play to attend the 1st International True Play Conference: Global Conversations on the Future of Early Learning in Anji, China. I will be joining Youth Service librarians, Carissa Christner and Holly Stork-Post at the conference which will feature a presentation by Carissa, MPL receiving an award for our participation with Anji Play, and we will take part in the acceptance of the passing of the conference to Madison, WI in 2020.

The founders and designers of the Anji Play Approach have planned and organized the first annual True Play Conference in Anji County, China as a forum for educational thought and policy leaders from around the world

to gain a deeper understanding of the theory and practice of True Play and Anji Play and together consider the implications of these movements for global educational reform.

This conference will bring together leaders working at the frontier of global knowledge and research regarding the learning, growth and development of the child and the larger community. As the first International True Play Conference, it will become the basis for an annual event hosted in other countries and regions.

This conference seeks to build a union of True Play leaders and practitioners, a "Global True Play Union," that is connected in a meaningful exchange of ideas and works together to identify, support, research, and promote models of True Play globally.

### ***DREAM BUS (CR) (EL)***

The Dream Bus was officially launched on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It will now continue to make weekly visits to Allied Drive, Leopold, Kennedy Heights, Reindahl Park, and Park Edge/Park Ridge. More details about the schedules and operation can be found at <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/new/dream-bus>.

### ***THE GAMBIA LIBRARY PROJECT (BP) (CR)***

I have been meeting with the representatives of Madison's city sister Kanifing, The Gambia about the planning and build of a public library in Kanifing. So far we have outlined a brief plan for the library, heard from Kanifing's mayor about his ideas, and began discussing some funding options for the project. They are very excited to bring this resource to the people of Kanifing and I'm excited that MPL can be part of the process.

### ***BUDGET 2020 (BP)***

The budget process has started with the recent CIP Kickoff by Mayor Satya. Her instructions include no new project for 2020, plus some new additions to the reporting of our requests. There is a change in the process that will tie our projects to one of the six elements in the Imagine Madison Comprehensive Plan. In addition, Mayor Satya was looking for projects that have been suggested by a NRT. New projects/programs can be added in years 2021-25.

### ***MAKING JUSTICE PROGRAM AT MPL (CR)***

The Making Justice program from MPL was recognized in a recent Cap Times article about the mural projects the program helped direct at the Dane County Detention Center. Jesse Vieau, MPL Teen Services Librarian, coordinates this program. This is a great example of a program that reaches underserved individuals by going outside of our buildings and engaging them in positive ways in a challenging environment.

**Murals at Dane County juvenile detention center encourage youth to 'look within' by Abigail Becker**  
[https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/murals-at-dane-county-juvenile-detention-center-encourage-youth-to/article\\_5e6ce33f-b042-5a00-9717-23d5081foa6c.html](https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/murals-at-dane-county-juvenile-detention-center-encourage-youth-to/article_5e6ce33f-b042-5a00-9717-23d5081foa6c.html)

### **Business Meetings**

- Meeting with OPN on Pinney design
- Meeting with Alia Stevenson of HR
- Pinney Budget review
- Meeting with Common Council staff regarding homelessness in Madison
- The Gambia sister city project
- True Play conference meeting
- Library IT project meeting with City IT
- CIP Budget Discussion
- Meeting with Maintenance Staff
- Provide welcome to Take Your Child to Work at Central Library
- Meeting with Library Service Center Staff
- WI Historical Society meeting
- Budget Check-in meeting

### **Public/Media Appearance**

- DreamUp Wisconsin showcase
- Edgewood Gallery opening
- InDigenous Jazz Conert at Central Library
- National Poetry Month celebration at Central Library
- Outgoing Mayor and staff reception
- Brunch for the new Common Council
- Metro Poetry Project
- Retirement party for Enis Ragland
- Retirement party for Natalie Erdman
- Donor Thank You & State of the MPL Foundation address
- Nicholas Butler presentation
- City-wide Friends meeting
- Art Party at Central Library

### **City Business**

- Meeting with Enis Ragland
- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Performance Excellence Leadership Team
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (monthly)
- RESJI Committee
- Common Council Swearing in Ceremony
- Common Council