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Report to the Library Board ***October 2010***

Discussion of eastside site for future branch library

Alder Clausius has asked City Real Estate and the Planning Department to explore property at 1760 Eagen Road for a possible future new northeast side branch library. Site information is enclosed, as is the Board's approved Branch citing criteria. Don Marx, Real Estate, and Mike Waidelich, Planning and Development, will be at this meeting to assist with the discussion.

Authorization for retaining legal services for New Market Tax Credits:

This City Council resolution authorizing the City to retain the Law Firm of Quarles & Brady, LLP, for legal services for New Market Tax Credits financing for the proposed new Central Library (in your packet) needs approval by the Library Board.

Awards

Although it hasn't been officially announced yet, we have been informed that MPL has again garnered a star rating in *Library Journal's annual Starred Libraries* ratings. Hennen's *American Public Library Rankings* also has Madison Public Library in the top ten for its population category. MPL also makes a strong showing in its population category in the *Public Library Data Service Statistical Report*, based on population.

Update

Here's the "good news" press release:

"The current South Madison Branch Library will close to the public on October 5, 2010 at 8:00 pm. The bookdrop will remain open while the branch is closed. HOLDS pickup will not be available at South Madison Branch Library while the library is closed. Please contact library staff for assistance if you prefer to pick up holds at a different library. The new Goodman South Madison Branch Library is scheduled to reopen on October 11. Please phone ahead to confirm or watch the library's website for further updates."

(We will hold off on the official grand opening until later in the fall, as a major vendor will be delivering new furnishings later than expected. Meanwhile, we're filling in with used furniture from the current branch.)

It's Happening at MPL

Community Cinema film showings at the Central Library debuted September 18 featuring the film Copyright Criminals with Clyde Stubblefield and DJ Vinnie Toma leading the panel discussion and answering questions about the film. The Wisconsin Book Festival is in full swing, with a library appearance by local authors Bob Kann, Caroline Hoffman and Sheila Cohen, who talked about writing for children on October 2nd at Central. UW's Steenbock Library has rolled out a nice promotion urging students to visit the Central Library, and the meditation classes at Sequoya have been very well received. Madison Public Library – there's something for everyone!

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