

**Director's Report to Library Board  
April 2014**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Six month reviews for both caterers has been completed. We are very pleased on how both vendors have performed. There were a few issues with one vendor but they have focused on correcting those shortcomings. Good news is that Chocolaterian has been able to keep the café going with their supplemental catering business.

Gary Shaffer, Director of Tulsa Library, contacted me about using some images of the new Central Library in their new promotional video about the value of libraries to the community to be part of their ongoing new central library build. Tulsa is also using MSR as their architects.

From the Urban Library Council's newsletter was the following:

**Madison Public Library: Public Project of the Year**

Madison Public Library, WI, has been awarded the prestigious Public Works Project of the Year for its Central Public Library Renovation and Expansion project by the American Public Works Association. Madison Mayor Paul Soglin comments, "This is a great accomplishment and well-deserved recognition for the great work...in the design of this building. We have an environmentally sound, structurally resilient, incredibly user-friendly structure which was actually recycled from our previous library." Congratulations to Greg Mickells and his team.

A link to the press release: [http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/madison%E2%80%99s-central-library-project-named-public-works-project-of-the-year?utm\\_source=ULC+e-News+Weekly%3A+April+16%2C+2014&utm\\_campaign=Analytics+ULC+e-News+16Apr14&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/madison%E2%80%99s-central-library-project-named-public-works-project-of-the-year?utm_source=ULC+e-News+Weekly%3A+April+16%2C+2014&utm_campaign=Analytics+ULC+e-News+16Apr14&utm_medium=email)

**LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION**

Mark Benno and I had a meeting with Katherine Cornwall to discuss a possible location for our Facilities Maintenance shop. The discussion about this site is beginning to involve other possible partnerships both public and private.

Don Marx, from city real estate, met with Carl and Jeff Ruedebusch about possible terms for the library at Royster Corners. After receiving the report from Don, it was decided that we needed to get everyone together at the table to discuss the terms in more detail.

Mark Benno has been finalizing the Library Planner position description.

I toured a downtown site with Don Marx and Mark Benno to determine if it might work for our Facilities Maintenance shop. Unfortunately it did not work out for us.

The second amendment to the agreement on the Grandview Commons project went to Common Council. It has been signed and delivered. Next up is to make changes to the zoning on the property.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARIES**

After review of our financial reports included in your board packet I do not have any major concerns.

### **MEADOWRIDGE EXPANSION**

Initial Construction meeting took place. We are beginning to develop a program for the space. I still need to meet with City Staff about our budget. We do have a concern about the condition of the pavement behind the former ACE Hardware store that needs to be addressed.

Library Journal is including the Meadowridge Library project in a upcoming article about Community Kitchens in libraries.

Victor Castro has also been involved in two video productions about the art project at Meadowridge.

Here are the links:

<https://vimeo.com/91491113>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pedfIVhuTw&feature=youtu.be&noredirect=1>

### **NEW CONNECTION**

Although I have some contact with the other library directors in Dane County, we have finally formalized a plan to meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss opportunities for collaboration and share best practices. We met for the first time on April 10<sup>th</sup> at MPL. The group includes the directors from Middleton, Verona, Monona, Fitchburg, and Sun Prairie.

### **DIGITAL DIVIDE**

I was contacted by the Mayor's office about exploring a possible MiFi project for Madison. Chicago Public and NY Public are both working on a similar project. I have been in contact with both Chicago and NY about their operations. I will need to know more before putting together a possible proposal for MPL to implement such a program.

Had a phone conversation with Alder Scot Resnick about the city's program to address the digital divide. We discussed a possible Y-MAX project. While in Lincoln I had authored a \$5M BTOP grant for a Y-MAX project there so I am familiar with the technology.

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

Nate Clark was featured in a video on the Library as Incubator website about the Media Lab. Here is the link:

<http://www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/?p=13861>

### **STAFF REALIGNMENT**

With the departure of Carol Froistad we are making some changes to our administrative and management alignment. Instead of having two Community Service Managers, we will now have one Public Service Manager. To supervisor the operations of Central Library we have created a new Library Supervisor position for that responsibility. We will also be adding another Library Supervisor that will manage a new pairing of libraries- Sequoia and Ashman. Meadowridge which had been paired with Ashman will be managed on its own.

The Public Services Manager will be Jane Roughen

The newly created Library Supervisor positions were recently offered for internal transfer.

Upcoming Library Supervisor assignments:

Central : Michael Spelman

Sequoia/Ashman: Marc Gartler

Meadowridge: Alice Oakey

Pinney/Monroe: Sarah Lawton

Goodman South Madison: National search pending  
Hawthorne/Lakeview: National search pending

Michael and Marc will not transfer from their current responsibilities until replacements have been hired.

## **APRIL SCHEDULE**

### **Business Meetings:**

- Meadowridge initial construction meeting
- Expo Inn Project
- Foundation Board meeting
- Carol Froistad Retirement party
- Dane County Directors
- Meeting with Murfie about Yahara Music Library
- SLIS Advisory Council
- Meeting with Colleen McQuade MMSD Phoenix Program director about a literacy proposal
- Meeting with City Real Estate regarding the Royster Corners development
- Beginning Book Festival discussion
- Webinar for Let No Child Go Hungery
- Phone meeting with Alder Scot Resnick on Madison's digital divide
- Meeting with Jeff Roth from NYPL about MiFi project

### **City Business:**

- Department and Division Head meeting with the Mayor
- 2 Mayor's Management Team meetings
- Meeting with Sally Miley regarding Library projects.
- BOE meeting

### **Public/Media Appearances:**

- Network for Black Professional, Dr. Jen Cheatham presenting
- Attendance at the Fabu event with reading from various local authors at the Municipal Building
- Presentation at PechaKucha "Why Madison"
- Interview with Library Journal regarding our Community Kitchen Project at Meadowridge
- Lunch for Libraries Nevada Barr program
- Closing Reception at Edgewood Gallery
- Nevada Barr author event at Central
- Busking for Books, benefit for Literacy Network
- Dead Man Walking opera
- Swearing in ceremony for new Police Chief Koval

