

Library Director Report July 2016

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

RDC has been working with the Planning Dept. to resolve a TIF request. I would hope to know by the time of the board meeting, the status of the TIF request. In the meantime City Real Estate is working on a purchase agreement.

2017 BUDGET

The budget was submitted to the Finance Dept. on July 20th as approved by the Board. We will now have to wait until Oct 2nd when the Mayor releases his Executive Budget.

COMMUNITIES INSPIRING LIBRARIES

Catherine Duarte and I made our presentation to the Common Council on the Communities Inspiring Libraries report. I thought it was very well received. We only had a short time to present which unfortunately only allowed us to present highlights instead of providing a comprehensive review of the work. We did field a few questions and will be following up with Alders who asked for more details.

ROTARY LUNCHEON AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Downtown Rotary asks various organizations and businesses to host a luncheon at their place of business for a "Day of Learning" for their membership. We had about 25 Rotarians attend a presentation given by library staff on some of our special programs and services that illustrated why MPL was able to achieve the National Medal. The program was very well received and it gave us an opportunity to explain to this gathering how libraries have evolved.

STORYCORPS

As part of winning the National Medal we will be visited by StoryCorps. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 60,000 interviews from more than 100,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Millions listen to our weekly broadcasts on NPR's *Morning Edition* and on StoryCorps' [Listen Page](#). Their recording team will be here for 3 days and will conduct 18 interviews which will mean that we will have to reach out to 36 individuals to pair up for the recordings.

STAFF WORKSHOP

Members of the management team and other staff involved with engagement and equity issues met for a RESJI workshop conducted by Angela Russell, Manager for Diversity and Inclusion at CUNA Mutual Group, with additional presentations made by members of the City's Equity Core Team. The major theme was the importance of developing and accepting a leadership role within the organization to advance the RESJI principles into our organization's operations and culture.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Tammy Pineda is our new Youth Services Supervisor. She started on July 3rd. Tammy was already a member of our Youth Services staff and will bring with her a solid understanding of the mission and vision of MPL and its application to youth services operations. Tammy has a passion for community engagement and she has already developed numerous relationships with a variety of community partners. I'm excited that Tammy chose to accept this new challenge and to continue to share her exceptional talents in the delivery of youth services for MPL. I am looking forward to her leadership and dedication to youth services.

Business Meetings

Library Fiber connectivity meeting with IT

WBF steering committee

Dept of Civil Rights workshop

Budget Check-in meeting

National Medal webinar on spending of the \$5K presented with the award

Meeting with StoryCorps

Meeting regarding the use of AnjiPlay in MPL

Meeting with Alder Baldeh regarding the Eastside Strategic plan

Meeting with Labor Management

Meeting with Karin Wolf on possible art project proposal

City Business

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor

Mayor's Management Team

Mayor's Human Services workgroup

Budget Discussion with Mayor

Personnel Board review meeting

3.5 APM case review

Public/Media Appearance

Tiny Books exhibit at the Bubbler

Catherine Duarte's Farewell event

Attended Overture's show Kinky Boots

Justified Anger program at Fountain of Life

Lakeview Friends of the Library Vinyl Sale on both Friday and Saturday

Dept of Civil Rights 10th Anniversary Awards program

AnjiPlay discussion at One City Early Learning Center

Opera in the Park

Mark Woulf Farewell event