

Library Director Report December 2017

BP: Building Projects

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

EL: Early Literacy.

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION (BP) (CR)

Pinney Project: The design process continues. OPN is heading into the Design Development phase of the design where they will start to coordinate the design with actual function of the space. For example, is there sufficient room in the circulation room to do the processing and staging of our materials.

Reindahl Project: I have an upcoming meeting with the Mayor and Alder Baldeh to begin to form a framework for the project.

Badger Maintenance Facility: The new facility is looking great. Management Team had their December meeting there and we received a tour of the facility. It will be a tremendous asset for our operations and a great space for our Friends' groups.

TOP INNOVATOR AWARD (CR)

ULC did make the trip from Washington DC for their encore presentation of our top innovator award at the December 5th Common Council meeting. Susan Benton, President and CEO of the Urban Library Council was joined by Paul Guequierre, ULC Director of Communication. They were able to tour Central Library and receive a couple of staff presentations about our work. They continued during their entire stay to applaud the work of MPL. At the presentation, Susan recognized MPL as not just a great library but a "world class" library. It is very affirming to receive that level of recognition from ULC's leadership

NEW LIBRARY SUPERVISOR AT GOODMAN SOUTH MADISON NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

I am pleased to announce that Ching Wong has accepted our offer to become the next Library Supervisor of our Goodman South Madison Neighborhood Library. We had an excellent response to our national search but at the end of the hiring process it was clear that Ching, a veteran of MPL, was the best candidate for the job. Ching has several years of library experience, she knows the MPL organization very well, and has always been a very engaged contributor to MPL's operations. She has been our top trainer for reference services, and has a clear understanding of delivering our programs and services with an equity lens. She will be a very valuable addition to our management team and I am looking forward to her leadership to develop GSMB to its full potential for MPL and the GSMB community.

2018

As 2017 comes to a close I want to thank you for your service to MPL and your support of our work. There are a number of new faces on the Library Board and I am looking forward to working you and learning from your fresh perspectives. MPL had another stellar year of amazing accomplishments during 2017.

2018 will definitely be a defining year for MPL as we move forward with the Pinney project, begin to explore the potential of the Reindahl project, and knowing that other opportunities will present themselves. 2018 will bring a major emphasis to early literacy, to continue to develop our strategic direction, and to find new and better ways for the advancement of our equity lens into our programs and services.

And I one thing that I can guarantee for 2018 is that the tremendous work of the dedicated MPL staff will continue to provide the best programs, resources, and services we can for Madison. When I mentioned earlier in my report that our library was described as "world class", the major reason for that achievement is the work of the MPL staff at all levels of our organization. I have the privilege to lead this group of engaged over-achievers and I am so proud of their hard work delivered with the knowledge that their contributions matter and they do indeed enrich lives in our community.

Happy New Year.

Business Meetings

- Strategic planning check-in.
- MPL Foundation Board meeting
- Meeting with Bubbler/Marketing staff
- Meeting with Meadowridge staff (They served chicken and waffles for the breakfast meeting.)
- Book Festival Steering committee
- Tech Services staff meeting
- Meeting with Hawthorne Staff
- Meeting with Lakeview staff
- Meeting with Maintenance staff
- Meeting Room pricing
- Meeting with legal council on Pinney project
- GSMB Library Supervisors interviews

City Business

- Common Council
- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Finance Committee Budget Presentation
- Strategic Management Oversight Committee (SMOC)
- Municipal ID Committee
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- RESJI Strategic Planning committee
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (SMOC)

Public/Media Appearance

- Opening of the Who Matters? An Intergenerational Photo exhibit
- DMI Breakfast