

Director's Report to Library Board May 2013

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The taskforce met and scored all of our existing libraries using the criteria documents. I will be communicating the results in a future director's report once we have the results tabulated.

Mark Benno and I met with Alders Palm, Demarb, Ahrens, and Cnare to share our site selection process. Each of their districts has an active offer by developers for having a library as part of their respective developments.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

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

BOOK FESTIVAL

Conor continues to make contacts with local and national authors and is beginning to establish an outline for the event's programs. Conor and I met with the Madison Arts Commission which approved a \$3000 grant to the festival.

MEADOWRIDGE EXPANSION

The Board of Estimates has approved our request to sole source the design and public information collection for the project. If the Common Council does approve the sole source we will immediately begin our public meeting schedule and begin receiving input from the community. The lease agreement was approved by Common Council.

PINNEY/MONROE MANAGER STATUS

We have offered and it has been accepted by Sarah Lawton. Sarah was one of seven finalists. She was recently the interim director for Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury, VT. Prior to her work in Vermont, she was a Teen Services Manager for Wilkinson Public Library in Telluride, CO. She was recognized as an Emerging Leader by the American Library Association in 2009 and she currently resides on the Civic Engagement Advisory Board, Center for Public Life for the American Library Association.

CENTRAL LIBRARY SPECIAL NOTES

- I will be visiting Demco to get a preview of the video components to the Central build.
- Niki Johnson, one of the artists whose work was purchased for the new library recently received international attention for one her recent works. Her work for Madison Public Library was mentioned in one of the feature articles reporting on "Eggs Benedict", a portrait of Pope Benedict created from condoms. <http://www.jsonline.com/blogs/entertainment/202253481>.
- RFP for Caterer services has been drafted and under review by City Purchasing

GALLUP STRENGTHS-FINDER

The entire management team has taken the Gallup StrengthsFinder survey to determine their strengths. I have attached a summary of the results and included a complete list of results for myself. The program focuses on your top five strengths. The program enables management teams to recognize and take advantage of various strengths of the overall team. It will also provide some insight into team and committee formation.

JVN MEMORIAL

The library has been invited to be part of a memorial event being organized to honor John "Vietnam" Nguyen. John was a member of the First Wave program at UW-Madison and drowned last year on August 30th. OMAI/First Wave is planning a memorial service for this student who was a poet and hip-hop artist from Chicago. They are planning a day-long event on August 30th capped with a First Wave event at the Overture. On August 31st they would like to conduct a hip-hop workshop for teens at the Central Library.

APRIL SCHEDULE

Business Meetings:

- Met with Alders to discuss library site selection process.
- Library Foundation Board meeting
- OMAI Meeting on Memorial Service for First Wave Student
- Madison Art Commission Grant Review meeting
- Payroll/Scheduling software demonstration
- Webinar: E-books in Libraries
- Webinar: Edge: Technology standards for libraries and outcome measurements
- New Supervisor Training, Mike Lipski on position descriptions
- Pinney/Monroe Manager Interviews

Central Library

- Seven library tours with staff and project donors
- Meeting to review the current status of the project
- Bubbler project meeting on technology.
- Meeting to evaluate the installation process for a piece of art within the building

City Business:

- Department Head meeting with the Mayor
- Common Council, passage of Meadowridge lease agreement
- Board of Estimates, passage of sole source on Meadowridge project

Public/Media Appearances:

- Rotary Presentation and tour
- H. Samy Alim Lunch
- H. Samy Alim Presentation at UW
- PechaKucha
- DMI New Faces New Places at Union South
- DMI Breakfast, Director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Madison presented
- Reception for Hawthorne Library 100th year at Zebradog
- 100th year celebration at Hawthorne Library