

Library Director Report
January 2018

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: OPN is finalizing its Design Development phase that will result in our final floorplan. The next objective will be to work on the finishes and then based on budget they will start on their construction documents.

We are trying to finalize our due diligence process. We have been negotiating with RDC to finalize our percentages of the CAM and other costs associated with our tenancy. RDC still has some reports to file with us before we can agree on the deal. We have been having several meetings to resolve issues. Hope to have good news by the time of the Board meeting.

Reindahl Project: I met with the Mayor and Alder Baldeh to outline our expectations in 2018 concerning the Reindahl project. They include the hiring of an Urban Planner, developing a core project team, and beginning to identify stakeholders and possible partners for the project.

BLACK MEN RUN YOUTH INITIATIVE (CR)

MPL has been meeting with Aaron Perry, director of the Men's Health and Education Center. He is hoping to work with MPL and Public Health to develop a youth program derived from his successful Black Men Run program. We are discussing the possibility of launching this program from the Meadowridge Neighborhood Library. Aaron's objective is to promote physical activity, healthy eating and weight management, and community engagement through mentoring, health education, social support and volunteerism. From the Library's perspective, we are also enthusiastic about the positive modeling this type of program will have with the youth in the Meadowood community. The initial program is being designed for ages 8-16. It will require some fund raising.

MONROE ST. NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY HOURS

Based on the Library Board's response to our proposed hours we wanted to do some additional vetting of the hours including input from City administration and alders. We will have a more complete report at the March meeting for your final decision on our recommendation.

INTERESTING CONTACT (CR)

We receive requests to come tour our facilities all the time and in particular we receive requests to visit the Bubbler. Trent Miller, our Head Bubblerarian, just received an onsite visit request for "an information and inspiration gathering trip" from Hillsboro Public Library, located just west of Portland, OR. By itself, this might not be so newsworthy, but they shared within their request that they learned about our program at the 2017 NEXT Conference in Berlin, Germany. That is quite a reach.

Business Meetings

- MPL Foundation Board meeting
- Meeting with Events Planning to determine 2019 rate structure
- Meeting with Collection Management team
- Bubbler Grant Planning
- Meet with OPN on Pinney project (multiple times)
- Meet with John Burgan to discuss the Reindahl project
- Pinney Budget discussion
- Youth Health Initiative

- Review of Urban Planner position
- Meeting with Circulation Staff at Central
- ULC Webinar on the New Localists
- Review of PLSR Resource Library plans
- Resource Library workgroup

City Business

- Reindahl Project meeting Mayor and Alder Baldeh
- Common Council
- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Finance Committee

- Strategic Management Oversight Committee (SMOC)
- Municipal ID Committee
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (SMOC) (Weekly)
- Human Resource Check-in Meeting
- Latinx and Immigration Community Panel
- Human Services Committee
- Common Council Retreat
- Results Madison

Public/Media Appearance

- Author Chloe Benjamin presentation, first Wisconsin Book Festival event for 2018
- Madison Art Commission annual recognition gathering
- MPL Staff party at the Children's Museum
- Pinney Community Meeting update