

Library Director Report

May 2017

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

Pinney Project: We have selected OPN as our architect for the project. So far we have had one pre-design meeting to set parameters for public input into the design process. I did request that OPN do an introduction to the Library Board and field any initial questions about the design process. In addition I will keep you updated on opportunities for your participation in the design process.

As of this writing the LOI has been negotiated with a couple of final points to be resolved. I am hoping that we will be able to introduce the LOI at the June 6th Common Council meeting.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL RACE AND SOCIAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP

I was invited to participate with 15 other library directors from around the country to sit on a workgroup and develop a strategic direction that the Urban Library Council would share with public libraries for their role in race and social equity.

GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) NETWORK MEETING

I was asked to share MPL's involvement with the RESJI program for the City of Madison via an online webinar.

IMLS GRANT REVIEWER

I have accepted an invitation from the IMLS to be a grant reviewer for an upcoming round of funding of community projects. This is my second time to contribute to IMLS in this capacity. I have found that by participating in the review process it has helped in developing better proposals for MPL when we are submitting grant requests.

LIBRARY TAKEOVER

I typically do not highlight library programs in my monthly report but I did want to share about Library Takeover that just finished this month. It was the brainchild of Laura Damon-Moore who solicited funds from the Foundation to allow for community groups to receive training in event planning and then receive funds to "takeover" the library and host their event. We had 3 groups participate in the program. Access Denied which centered on accessible places for nightlife in Madison including discussion about disabilities and LGBTQI related issues; a Spoken Word event centered on just that, with poets and hip hop and more; and the final event Namaste Madison which focused an entire day on the Indian American culture in Madison. All of the events were well received and allowed us to engage with the community in a very creative and impactful way. Although Laura initiated the program she received support from many other MPL staff to make this program a huge success.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Liz Carroll recently retired from MPL. Liz is another example of an individual within our organization that had a long and very engaged career while wearing many hats during her tenure. First as a page at Hawthorne in 1975 which was the start of an over 40 year relationship with MPL, briefly interrupted to gain a MLS in Florida. She soon returned to work at several of our libraries, including a short stint on the MPL bookmobile, but most notable she worked at Meadowridge for 25 years. Her love of reading drove her passion for the many book groups and book discussions she lead during her career with MPL. Her impact will be felt for a long time through the many coworkers she trained in readers' advisory and reference work. I can only imagine that even though she is moving to Portland, OR, another book group or becoming a regular at Powell's Books is in her future.

RESULTS MADISON

Krissy and I had our first organizational meeting regarding MPL's participation in Results Madison, the official name of the program I shared about last month based on the Performance Seattle model. Based on this first meeting we are extremely optimistic about how we can better align our operational needs with data informed decision making.

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The Mayor will be introducing his Operational Budget instructions on June 5th.

Business Meetings

- Pinney architect interviews and selection process
- Media Lab review
- Meeting with RDC and City staff on the Pinney LOI
- Meeting with Scott Resnick to discuss digital inclusion
- Reindahl Park Library planning session
- Pinney Project review
- Meeting with Sabrina Madison
- Meeting with RDC about Pinney project
- Results Madison planning meeting
- Capital Budget review
- Meeting with Dr. Floyd Rose from 100 Black Men to discuss collaborative projects
- IMLS Field Review
- Meeting with Molly and Collection HQ representative
- Meeting to review Yahara Music Library
- Meeting with Bryan Cooper on Pinney pre-design
- Telestaff review with City IT
- Collection Management discussion
- Meeting with OPN for Pre-design strategy
- GARE network meeting
- ULC Racial and Social Equity Workgroup in Washington DC

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Mayor's Guidance Team (6)
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team
- Long Range Facilities Planning
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- RESJI Strategic Planning committee (2)
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team meeting (2)
- City Strategic Management discussion on external values
- Budget Review meeting
- Employment Contract meeting
- Guidance Team final review
- Outcomes Summit

Public/Media Appearance

- Odyssey Project graduation
- Share the Word (Library Takeover event)
- Motherlands at 100State
- Raging Grannies at Central Library
- Donor Thank You event with MPL Foundation
- WI book Festival- Chuck Klosterman author event