

Director's Report to Library Board December 2012

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The taskforce has been working with the City in reproducing some usage maps as related to our existing facilities. The maps are providing some interesting data as to how and who is using our facilities. The usage also includes county facilities close to Madison. Maps will be made available to the Board.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Staff have been working to finalize mission and vision statements that will be presented to the board for approval. An update can also be presented on our core services portion of the plan.

2013 BUDGET UPDATE

As of the writing of this report the final budget has not been officially signed but the Mayor has stated there were no plans to veto the Council approved budgets. The highlights that I reported earlier to the board would then become official. Key among them is the addition of a possible Meadowridge expansion.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

After review of our financial reports included in your board packet I do not have any major concerns or highlights to point out at this time.

MEET AND GREET

I completed my final meet and greet at Pinney. It was a great ending to the entire "New Director Tour." I met many friends of the Pinney Library and several dedicated patrons.

APPOINTMENT

I have accepted an invitation from Kristin Eschenfelder, Director of UW SLIS, to a three year term to sit on University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies Advisory Council.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide feedback and suggestions on strategic directions for the school. We are asked for input on the new emphasis on curriculum, student learning outcomes and other program initiatives.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT;

Mary Burton has submitted her notice for retirement effective January 4, 2013. Mary started with Madison Public Library in 1999. Her current responsibilities include supervising Pinney and Monroe libraries.

CENTRAL LIBRARY HIGHLIGHT

3,569.86 TONS of materials from the former Central Library was either reused or recycled. The amount of waste that was disposed of was only 495.63 tons.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Business Meetings:

Book Fest

I met with management to discuss the feasibility of MPL developing a comparable event for Madison since this will be the last year for the event with its current administration. I will continue to share our involvement with Sally Miley and Karin Wolf.

Met with staff presenting on a possible MPL music project

Met with staff on Strategic plan and core services development

Central Library

- Cash Flow Meeting
- Two construction meetings
- Two tours of the building (the second one I was joined by Barb Dimick)
- Review of Change Order plans for Maker's Space
- Review of art projects for the youth area and walkway

Library Programs:

Dane County Libraries, Cornerstone Award Ceremony for Barb Dimick

Two events at BookFest

City Business:

BOE meeting

Two Common Council Budget Hearings

Department Head meeting with the Mayor

Meeting with Alder Joe Clausius and guided tour of northeast Madison

Public/Media Appearances:

Attended Philanthropy Day at the Overture

Interview on WORT radio at the Goodman South Madison Library

Interview with MadisonCommons.org

See: <http://madisoncommons.org/?q=content/madison-public-library-considers-digital-press-for-local-authors-and-a-new-e-book-model>

I have been asked to be the featured speaker at the Beta Beta Epsilon Annual Meeting and Initiation on the evening of Thursday, May 16, 2013. Beta Beta Epsilon (BBE) is a chapter of Beta Phi Mu. Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. The BBE chapter of Beta Phi Mu was formed in 1984 at the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS), University of Wisconsin, Madison.