

## **Library Director Report January 2016**

### **LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION**

The RFQ process for the Pinney Library has been completed. Reviewers are completing their scoring and then will determine who would be invited to the RFP process. Designers will have two weeks to compose their proposals which will be reviewed and then the top prospects will be interviewed as part of the final selection process. We have also met with Ruedeusch to review timetable and finalize specs on the project.

The Badger Building is currently under design after a meeting with library staff on the function and space needs within the building.

### **WHITE HOUSE ConnectEd Library Challenge**

I joined more than 90 library directors, elected and appointed local leaders, and school superintendents and staff in Washington D.C. to face the challenges of education head on and explore ways to improve education outcomes for all children. The White House convening, called the ConnectED Library Challenge: Answering the Call, was a celebration for communities that accepted President Obama's challenge last spring - to get a library card in the hand of every school age child. Our participation in this program did need to include the endorsement and promised cooperation from the Mayor and the MMSD Superintendent.

### **STATE LEGISLATION**

I was asked by the Wisconsin Library Association to meet with Sen. Risser to ask for support of the "Return of Library Materials" bill- SB466/AB609. Essentially this bill will allow any library in Wisconsin to utilize the services of a collection agency or law enforcement to request the return of library materials and the collection of fines/fees associated with delinquent accounts within the parameters described in the bill. Rep. Subeck also contacted my office for input on a possible amendment to the bill that she was considering.

### **NEW CITY ORDINANCE**

The City recently passed a new ordinance that creates certain requirements for Affiliated Organizations (AO). This would include the MPL Foundation and our Friend groups. The main requirement will be for each group to register with the City Clerk and meet minimum standards. There are guidelines for the acceptance and expenditure of funds but the Library's city attorney gave us his opinion that the Library would be exempt from this due to the control of library funds given under Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

### **Business Meetings**

ConnectEd Library Challenge webinar  
Meeting with Youth Services group  
Meeting with Sen Risser  
Meeting with Technical Services Staff  
Meeting with Multi-Sites  
Strategy Meeting for ConnectEd program  
Pinney RFQ review

Meeting with Pinney Staff  
White House ConnectEd program  
Meeting with Monroe St Library Staff  
Review of initial draft of the Library Planner report  
Review of Pinney RFQ process with City Engineering  
Labor Management Meeting  
Meeting with Ruedebusch Development on Pinney Project  
RFP supplemental review for Pinney Project  
Meeting with Collection Management Team

### **City Business**

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor  
Mayor's Management Team (2)  
Meeting with Mayor on a city inspired video project  
Meeting with Streets on Labor discussion  
Committee on Employee Relations

### **Public/Media Appearance**

Nightlight at Central Library  
Madison Arts Commission Awards (MAC decided on the Central Library for this program)  
Interviewed by local Washington DC TV station about my involvement in the ConnectEd program (Apparently this did receive some national broadcast. Family members in Omaha reported seeing my interview.)  
New art exhibit opening at the 211 Gallery at MATC (Victor Castro the featured artist)  
House concert at Dave Wallner and Anne Katz home  
Starting Block Entrepreneurial Conference  
Table Wine opening event