

**Library Director Report
October 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:

Since we have an approved lease, we have been finalizing our plans for space and wiring needs for the interim site.

On the new Pinney project, we are waiting on some revisions to the PSA to reflect recent changes to the construction schedule and some adjusted costs to the project.

Reindahl Project:

Kevin has started to construct a timeline on the project based on the amended 2019 CIP. He has also started to conduct visits with neighborhood associations and a variety of other shareholders identified with the project.

Goodman South Madison Library Renovation:

We have secured all of the funding necessary to complete the entire project as designed. With assistance from the design firm, we have been able to receive bids and start to put together a timeline for completion. We do have to take into consideration how this project may impact the setup of interim Pinney so coordination will be key.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

The Executive Operating Budget now reflects the restoration of our supplemental ask of Sunday Hours and Page positions. The additional positions requested, LA at Meadowridge Library and Librarian at Goodman South Madison Library, remain unfunded. There were no amendments by the Finance Committee to add them to the budget.

NARCAN (CR)

We have started our staff training for the use of Narcan. I was recently questioned by a reporter from the Appleton Post-Crescent about our decision to make Narcan available at our libraries. He was doing research on the topic for the entire state, and trying to determine who is making this available and why.

KANIFING, THE GAMBIA (CR)

I attended a community meal and presentation on one of Madison's sister cities, Kanifing, The Gambia. Alder Baldeh is a native of The Gambia and has been very active in creating this sister city connection. This was the second year to celebrate the connection and this year a group from Kanifing, including their new Mayor, came to visit Madison. The following day after the celebration I gave a tour of Central Library to the Kanifing group and discussed library services. They were very interested in the scope of our service and how much the library provides a variety of services in the community

WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL (CR)

Another very successful book festival has come and gone. The scope of the festival continues to grow and with year-round scheduling of events it does seem to be a continuous process. But, we still have the 4 days festival for a focused gathering of several authors in conjunction with other community partners. This year, you can't get any bigger than having the current bestselling author, James Patterson, kickoff the events. On a Sunday

morning, we had 700 people come out to learn about his new book. C-SPAN continues to cover our festival and their coverage includes an archived recording of the Saturday events in the community room. (So, if you missed it, you can still view them online on BookTalk.) Special thanks to Conor Moran, WBF Director, and the support of many MPL people to make this happen. Plus, the financial support of the festival by the Madison Public Library Foundation.

CORNERSTONE AWARD

Madison Public Library was well represented at the South Central Library System Foundation's annual award program. The Cornerstone Award is given each year to an outstanding individual for their contributions to library services in the SCLS area. This year Alice Oakey, former Meadowridge Library Supervisor, was recognized with the Cornerstone Award for her achievements during her tenure with MPL. In addition, MPL won the Program Wizard Award for our Anji play summer events in partnership with City Parks, and Alicia Ashman Library won the Super Awesome Award for their work during the night of the flooding. It was a very proud moment to see MPL recognized, but I also know we perform amazing work on a daily basis.



L to R: Marc Gartler, Sequoya/Ashman Supervisor; Pam Wittig, Ashman Librarian; Sarah Lawton, Pinney/Monroe Supervisor; Alice Oakey, former Meadowridge Library Supervisor; Greg Mickells, Library Director; Carissa Christner, Ashman YS Librarian.

BONUS ITEM

The 2018 Downtown Madison Inc. Annual Report has Central Library on the cover of the report.

Business Meetings

- Meet with Alder Arnsten
- Meeting with Kathy Cramer
- Meeting with Bendywork's COO
- Pinney Library plan review
- Meeting with Mary Richards from City of Madison Purchasing
- Meeting with Lisa Carter, new Vice Provost of UW-Madison Libraries
- ESS Goals Discussion
- Meeting with Capt. Ackeret
- Beyond The Page equity meeting
- ULC Webinar
- Collection Management Staff meeting
- Sequoya Staff Meeting

City Business

- Finance Committee, presentation of the Library Operating Budget along with Krissy Wick and Susan Lee
- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Equitable Workforce Plan
- Performance Excellence Leadership Team (Formerly SMOC)
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (Bi-Weekly)
- RESJI Committee
- Imagination Center meeting with Alder Baldeh and Eric Upchurch
- Common Council
- Leadership Conference on Performance Excellence

Public/Media Appearance

- YWCA Racial Summit
- Wisconsin Innovation Awards
- Dream Village Tour
- DMI New Places at the Sylvee
- Passing the Bass at the Overture and After party
- Margaret Miller Award for Lau and Bea Christensen
- MPL Foundation event at Working Draft Brewery
- UW-Madison Chancellor's Luncheon
- SCLS Foundation Cornerstone Awards
- Kanifing, The Gambia Sister City Celebration
- Tour of Central Library with the Mayor of Kanifing The Gambia.
- DMI Annual Dinner
- DMI Breakfast
- City-wide Friends' Group @ Goodman South Madison Library
- pARTy, Art networking gathering at Centro Hispano