

Library Director Report May 2016

NICE INVITATION

Madison Public Library was invited to participate on a panel discussion taking place at the Congressional Maker Caucus in Washington DC. We will be part of Panel 2: Innovation and Art in Making. <https://www.ims.gov/news-events/maker-faire>

COMMUNITIES INSPIRING LIBRARIES

We are getting close to our finished report for the 2016 strategic plan for eastside growth. After final approval is given by the Library Board we will make the final cosmetic edits and send it off to the printer. Catherine Duarte has shared our methodology for this report on the national stage at PLA in Denver and again on a national webinar distributed by Demco. We have also presented to the Mayor's Human Services team where the Mayor was very impressed by the report and gave rave reviews to Catherine's leadership on the project.

SPECIAL VISITORS

MPL hosted two staff members from Richland County Library System in Columbia, South Carolina for a 4 day period as they toured our facilities, met with staff, and examined our maker programs. (They also discovered cheese curds on their trip)

We were visited by Sari Feldman, President of ALA while she was in Madison to accept a Distinguished Alumni Award from the UW. She toured Central and made a presentation to staff about the transformative power of libraries. (We do have a recording of her presentation if you are interested.)

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The City is still in negotiations with RDC regarding the Royster Corners development.

HEADS UP

The annual kick off of the Mayor's Operating Budget is coming up on June 6th.

Business Meetings

Digital Inclusion meeting

RFP review for food and beverage services

MOST program finder meeting with Jennifer Lord

Meeting with Dr. Cheatham

Meeting with City depts. involved in the Pinney project

Meeting with City Real Estate

Tour and presentation with Sari Feldman

IMLS Bubbler grant advisory board meeting

Meeting with Administrative staff

ULC Webinar: Coming together: Voices of Race

Design meeting with Library Friends and the Badger Building

Budget check-in meeting with Betsy York

Meeting with City IT on fiber connections to the libraries

City Business

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
Mayor's Management Team
Mayor's Human Services workgroup

Public/Media Appearance

Book Club Café
Justice Show opening
Odyssey Project graduation
UW Leadership panel at UW SLIS class
Nancy Buenger reception
Department of Civil Rights Community Engagement session
Nightlight at Central Library
Trivia Night in support of the Beyond the Page program
Economic Development and Diversity Summit
Street Pulse Movie
Madison Gives, Madison Community Foundation Dinner
Indigenous Jazz show at Central
Fire Station 1 dedication
Lussier Center Art Exhibit
Monroe St. Library art work dedication
Farewell Party for Monica from the Mayor's office
Black Storytime with Denzel McDonald aka King Shabazz