

Library Director Report August 2015

WE WON

The Bubbler at Madison Public Library was recognized at the Wisconsin Innovation Awards in Milwaukee. 170 nominations were reduced to 33 finalists and we were among 9 winners. Others receiving awards were Microscopy Innovations, Marshfield; Studyblue, Madison; Red Card Media, Madison; Exact Sciences, Madison; Alfalight Inc. Madison; Brightstar Wisconsin Foundation, Milwaukee; Ionic, Madison; and Applied Data Consultants, Eau Claire.

AND WE ALSO WON

Madison Public Library's Central Library was recognized by Library Journal as a New Landmark Library. Link below to the preliminary announcement with the official announcement to come out in mid-September.

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2015/08/buildings/library-buildings/new-landmark-libraries-2015-the-reveal/#>

BUDGET 2016

Both the CIP and the Operating Budgets are in the hands of the Mayor at this time.

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

Catherine Duarte has been conducting programs and distributing the Tell Us community conversation tool across the city with an emphasis on the eastside. She is in the process of compiling the initial returns. We will begin to pull from that content to begin some of our programming plans for the Pinney relocation.

I have had a couple of meetings with potential partners in developing the PlayLab at Pinney. There is quite a bit of interest in the concept and I'm confident that we will be able to partner on funding and logistical assistance.

The Badger building just closed on a round of Request For Quotations from designers. Staff will be reviewing the submissions in early September.

WiscNet WORK GROUP

I was invited to take part in a WiscNet work group to examine connectivity options for the expansion of internet capacity to communities across the state.

SOCIAL GOOD SUMMIT

This day long program was a feature event at the Forward Festival. A diverse panel of 12 members of the Madison community discussed the topic of social good as it related to business and entrepreneurship in Madison. The Library was recognized several times during the day as an example of an organization doing positive social good in our community.

Out of Office

I will be away from my office from September 1 – 16. In conjunction with my presentation at the NEXT Conference in Aarhus, Denmark I will be taking some personal vacation prior to the conference.

August Schedule

Business Meetings

Meeting with Mary Michaud of Public Health to discuss PH proposal
Meeting with 5Nines CEO and CIO to discuss internet connectivity options for library patrons
Meeting with Scott Resnick as a follow up to the 5Nines discussion
WisNet work group
Staff meeting at Goodman South Madison Library
Meeting with Tracy Herold, director of Dane County Library Services
Meeting with Demco staff to discuss PlayLab concept
Central Library tour to Gregory St. Fort, Executive Director of 100State
Meeting with private funding opportunity to discuss PlayLab

City Business

Dept/Division Head meeting
Mayor's Human Services work group
Employee Relations Committee meeting
Mayor's Management Team
City ID Committee
Two meetings with Mayor concerning Homeless issues
Committee on Employee Relations
Meeting with IT to discuss internet connectivity

Public/Media Appearance

Reception at the new Harlem Renaissance Museum
Wisconsin Innovation Awards
Social Good Summit
High Tech Meet-up
Intern Celebration
Yum Yum Fest
Madison Noteworthy Awards Program
Mikkel Svane, CEO of Zendesk, Startup Discussions
Forward Festival Conference
Pressure Chamber (5 companies pitching to a VC panel)
Pitch Night (Several Madison companies sharing their ideas for business as well as established companies discussing their expansion plans.)
We are all Criminals (Forward Festival program at Central Library)
Doyenne Group 5x5x5 (Five women led companies pitch their ideas to VCs)
Opening speaker at the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau board meeting
Pechekucha at Monona Terrace

