

Library Director Report

April 2017

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

Pinney Project: Natalie Erdman and I will be meeting with RDC to try and bring closure to the negotiations. There are a few outstanding issues about the scope of work that I am certain we can resolve but there is an issue beyond the scope of the work that needs to be resolved before we can proceed with an agreement. We do continue to make advances when we can and we just completed our interviews of designers and should have a decision soon for that aspect of the project.

INTERNET POLICY

It has come to our attention that portions of our internet policy no longer accurately describe how we provide internet access and connectivity. As we began our review of the policy it became apparent that there is more work to do than originally thought especially in areas of removing operational language from the policy. We now have staff assigned to do a complete update to the policy and we hope to have something to the Board by the July meeting.

NATIONAL PROGRAM REQUEST

I have been asked by the Urban Libraries Council to serve on a national Race and Social Equity Working Group to provide input on creating a draft statement on library roles around race and social equity. We will be meeting in Washington DC May 24 and 25.

PERFORMANCE MADISON

Madison is looking to develop a program similar to one used in Seattle called Performance Seattle. The goal is to achieve a more effective, efficient, and an accountable city government through an increase in data analytic capacity throughout City operations. The Library has been asked along with the Streets Dept to help pilot this project. Krissy and I have had an initial briefing on the project and we will be following up with further meetings on the framework and expectations. This is as an exceptional opportunity for the Library to be selected for this program and receive the assistance of the City to help implement this program. It is a direction that the Library has been discussing for some time about how we could be making better use of our data and to determine what other sources of data from other city agencies would be beneficial to MPL.

LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

It is very important for MPL to explore more ways of growing our relationships with the Latino community. We have recently joined the Latino Chamber of Commerce. I have already participated in a couple of events and have made some valuable contacts that may lead to opportunities for the Library. In addition we are looking for the LCC to promote some of our programming.

EARLY LITERACY

We have been working to finalize our grant to the MPL Foundation's Venture Fund to develop a strategic approach of how to improve our early literacy programming and services so we can be more effective especially for under-resourced populations in preparing children to be school ready.

MUNICIPAL ID

The Library along with a couple of other city departments is participating in a workgroup to develop a way to establish a Municipal ID for Madison residents. The goal is to establish this form of ID for the many people who may have barriers to gain access to basic services like banking due to a lack of proper government issued ID. In some cities these cards also act as library cards and that is one function of the ID card that I have been monitoring.

Business Meetings

- SLIS Advisory Council
- Meeting with MPL Foundation regarding mini-grants
- Pinney architect review plans
- PSLR Workgroup
- Pinney TIF and Land Use meeting
- Meeting with Rabble representative to discuss our Yahara Music Library

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Mayor's Guidance Team (6)
- Technology Budget review with City IT
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team
- Long Range Facilities Planning
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- RESJI Strategic Planning committee (2)
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team meeting (2)
- Budget Review meeting
- Equity Lab for application of equity measures with the Guidance Team assignments
- Pinney Project designer interviews

Public/Media Appearance

- Latino Chamber of Commerce Members Social
- Lunch for Libraries
- Spring Tech Kickoff to the Forward Festival
- PechaKucha
- Nightlight at Central Library
- Public Evening Program with Richard Russo
- Hidden Treasures of Dane County (ribbon cutting for stairway mural project in the City/County Building)
- Latino Chamber ribbon cutting at Zandru's (Excellent tapas IMHO)
- Welcome address to the Friends Group gathering at Lakeview Library
- Welcome address to the City of Madison's Take Your Child to Work Day at Central Library
- Reading Between the Wines, a benefit for the Literacy Network