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## Report to the Library Board October, 2008

### *Agenda items for this meeting:*

- Mayor Cieslewicz has asked to be included on the Board's agenda at this meeting to discuss *2009 Library Hours and the Monroe Street Library*. He will join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lecture Room at 5:15 pm.
- We need to request Common Council authorization to increase funding by \$220,000 for the new Sequoya Branch Library capital project, with funds to come from private donations and a \$100,000 gift from Madison Gas and Electric for the new Branch.
- The annual Contracts with the South Central Library System are up for approval (and in your packets). The *South Central Library System 2009 Statutory Services Agreement* contract spells out the agreement to pay MPL for providing Interlibrary Loan Services for the seven-county System. The *South Central Library System Supplementary Services Agreement* spells out the rental agreement for LINK space in the Central Library, and provides a grant to MPL for purchasing and making available in-demand and specialized library resources. Both of these contracts will go before the South Central Library System Board at that group's October meeting.
- Mr. Jerel Alexander has requested that the Board reconsider his banning from the Library. See the Incident Report dated September 5<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Alexander's letter of appeal, in your packet.
- We will need to conduct the annual election of Board Officers at this meeting.

### *Updates*

We'll be closing the current Sequoya Branch at the end of the workday, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll be spending the following week packing up books for storage, and stripping the current space to return it to the owners by October 13<sup>th</sup>. (Holds for Sequoya users can be picked up at the Alicia Ashman Branch from October 6<sup>th</sup> until we open the new Sequoya Branch, sometime in early November). The new Library, even in its unfinished state, is looking spectacular, and these last few weeks are a flurry of activity to receive and set up furniture and casework, test and connect PCs and equipment, install shelving and return books and media from their *in limbo* state. If we don't answer the phone, it's because we're all working at Sequoya to get the new Branch up and running.

The Council has approved the Engberg Anderson architecture services contract for the new South Madison Branch, so soon we'll be underway with planning and design for the Library space in this mixed-use building owned by the Urban League of Greater Madison. I believe the Urban League intends to break ground this year on the building; we should be able to take ownership of our 12,000 square-foot space early summer of 2009, and complete the build out and open a new South Madison Branch by the first of the year 2010. But then, my timetables are always wrong.

The RFP for a new Central Library has a link from the Library's web site, or directly from:  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/business/pw/documents/centrallibraryRFP.pdf>  
Responses are due November 21, 2009.