

Library Director Report August 2019

BP: Building Projects

CR: Collaborations including representing MPL in Local, State, National, and International roles

EL: Early Literacy.

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION (BP) (CR) (EL)

Pinney Project:

So far construction has been proceeding on schedule and we are beginning to get a better idea of a completion schedule. At this time we are anticipating substantial completion by January 20th. This means we will begin to move all the furnishings and materials into the space after that time. That process will take until the end of February with our official opening in early March.

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park:

There has been some confusion caused by the Sewer District's project on the south side of the park (toward the Wendy's) and the Imagination Center project. Area residents are concerned about the path and potential loss of trees due to the MMSD project. MPL is not involved in this project other than we were notified about the plans and asked if it was an issue for our project. We do not have a site selected yet since our information gathering and the development of the scope of the project is not completed, but we do not foresee at this time that our site would be involved in the same area as the sewer project.

WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CR)

The Institute has always held their program at the Park Hotel but for 2019 for the first time the Institute was held at Central Library. They were very appreciative to be able to be in a library for the program. MPL was able to acquaint the class, consisting of many attendees from across Wisconsin, with Central Library including a tour of the facility. Ching Wong, Supervisor of Goodman South Library, participated in the 2019 program and I have participated on the Director's panel for the past two years.

BUDGET UPDATES

I presented on our Operating Budget to the Mayor. At this time of the presentation we were informed that the budget gap was at \$11.5M, so there were several questions about reductions and/or increases in revenue. I was contacted by the Mayor's office about two weeks after the presentation for additional suggestions for reductions since the Mayor did not want to apply furloughs if possible. In our current budget proposal, the furloughs represented a \$99K reduction. It is very difficult to provide an alternative that achieves that level of reduction. The one area that could achieve that amount would be to discontinue our Sunday hours. Based on 2018 actuals, Sunday hour cost us \$95K, so with some increases in personnel costs, our 2020 Sunday hours would reach the \$99K needed to replace the furloughs. We do not have many other options without putting several positions at risk. I did inform the Mayor that the budget presented had been approved by the Library Board, and that any changes will require Library Board review.

LIBRARY IMPACT

I would like to remind the Library Board to occasionally visit the IMPACT section of the library's website to learn about many of the accomplishments shared by our staff about their projects and programs. I recently shared a story about our Music Academy with Mayor Satya. Here is the link to that story:

<https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/impact/equity/o2-obstacles-overcoming>

While at the site I would encourage you to click on the menu in the upper left corner to gain access to several more stories on a variety of topics that our programs and services touch.

DIRECTOR OUT OF TOWN

Last time I was out of town I was returning a granddaughter to Colorado, this time I will be out of town from Sept 17- 21 to help my daughter move to Denver.

Business Meetings

- True Play Conference Planning Meeting
- Meetings on The Gambia library project
- Operational Budget Proposal presentation
- DMI/Destination Madison Arts and Culture Task Force
- Meeting with City Planning and SCLS
- Meeting with Human Services
- Pinney Opening Planning
- Review of Yahara Music Library
- Meeting with Jon Becker on Reindahl project
- ULC Webinar on Safety and Security

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Performance Excellence Leadership Team
- Mayor's Management Team
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (monthly)

Public/Media Appearance

- Waunakee Public Library Grand Opening
- Jenie Gao Art Opening at Central
- Read Like A Badger Concert at Olbrich Gardens
- Michelle Besant retirement reception from UW iSchool
- WLA Leadership Development Institute Dinner
- WLA Leadership Development Institute Panel
- DMI Behind the Scenes @ State Archives Preservation Facility
- Wanda Fullmore End of Internship Celebration
- DMI Breakfast with Joe Parisi
- Vox Populi Print Collective
- Art Party @ Access Wisconsin
- Destination Madison Meet and Greet at MMOCA