

Library Director Report
October 2017

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

Pinney Project: The design process continues. OPN should have some preliminary drawings fairly soon to begin to visualize the layout of the space. We are still negotiating with RDC on the condo documents, and making sure our projects are in alignment for the design needs of each space. Krissy and I met with OPN and ZebraDog to explore some exhibit building possibilities for Pinney.

Reindahl Project: As soon as we have official confirmation of the CIP we will begin the process to hire an urban planner to begin the community conversation about how the project should be programmed.

Badger Maintenance Facility: We are planning to start our move in in November, beginning with the return of stock from interim storage.

2018 BUDGET

We completed our presentation to the Finance Committee and received a positive response to the Executive Budget which gives us a 5.1% increase in our operating budget. The increase adjusts some of our line items to accurately reflect the actual revenue and expenditure difference. It also provided a foundation of funding support for our Bubbler programming that has been previously supported primarily through grants. We will continue to seek grants since the entire programming need has not been covered by the operating budget but does allow us to maintain our primary programs.

TOP INNOVATOR AWARD

MPL received our top innovator award at the Urban Library Council's Annual Forum in the Race and Social Equity category. At the forum I gave a brief presentation on our work with Michael Ford and his Hip Hop Architecture Camp. The attendees seemed to particularly like the fact that we included some hip hop video made for the program into our presentation.

RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

GARE Midwest Region Gathering

Madison was the host site for the Government Alliance on Racial and Equity(GARE) gathering. The day long program was at the Central Library. Attendees were from IA, IL, MI, MN, and WI. I was joined by other MPL staff during the day of exercises and talks regarding RESJ issues and practices. Central Library received high marks for a great place to meet for this type of discussion.

YWCA Racial Summit

This was my fourth time to attend this conference that addresses RESJ issues. It continues to be very inspirational and promotes new ways to be more inclusive in our operations and services that I and other staff attendees can bring back to MPL.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SMOC)

I have accepted a co-chair position with Alder DeMalb on a sub-committee of SMOC that will focus on the alignment of the City's goals with the Comprehensive Plan and Results Madison.

DIRECTOR at STAFF MEETINGS

You may notice on my business meeting agenda that I have started my annual rounds of meeting with staff from neighborhood libraries and departments across the entire MPL system. I always enjoy the opportunity to meet directly with staff to learn how things are going from their perspective, to gain some new ideas, to share what may be impacting MPL at the City level, and answering any questions they may have about our present operations or future plans. I ALWAYS walk away amazed by the level of engagement by our staff on so many levels. It truly is a privilege to lead this dynamic group of dedicated employees.

WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL

2017 will mark the 15th anniversary for this festival in Madison and it will be the fifth year that Madison Public Library has presented and hosted the festival. This year it will run from Nov 2-5, and I would encourage you to attend. There is a wide selection of options to be enjoyed by everyone. As you may also know we do provide WBF events throughout the year in addition to the annual festival.

Business Meetings

- Meeting with Mary Michaud, formerly of Public Health Department
- Several OPN meetings regarding Pinney design
- Budget Check-in
- Meeting with Tom Mosgaller
- Meet with Administration staff
- Meet with Youth Services staff
- Review of evaluation
- Interview with a City Leadership candidate
- Tour of Central Library with Richard Kong, Director of Skokie Public Library (IL)
- Meeting with MMSD Superintendent Dr. Cheatham

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Finance Committee Budget Presentation
- Strategic Management Oversight Committee (SMOC)
- Municipal ID Committee
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- RESJI Strategic Planning committee
- Alignment sub-committee of SMOC

Public/Media Appearance

- Latino Art Fair
- Art Opening at 100 State
- InDIGenous Jazz Series with Rob DZ
- Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable
- Pinney Library Open House design night
- Ex Libris MPL Foundation fundraiser
- Lunch with the Chancellor
- Imagine Madison community session
- Gail Simmons author event at Central