

Library Director Report March 2018

BP: Building Projects

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

EL: Early Literacy.

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION (BP) (CR)

Pinney Project: We will break ground on April 4th!!! We will continue to finalize the construction documents for the interior of our space and begin to work with Public Works to create the RFP language for contractors. I will continue to try and move the project forward to get us into the space as soon as we can.

Reindahl Project: I was able to connect with another library director at the PLA conference who is also exploring the option of placing a library in a public park. We are planning to share notes and ideas about our projects. The posting for the Urban Planner is now out and we hope to have someone onboard soon to begin our community conversation.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (CR)

As always, PLA continues to be one of the most relevant conferences since its focus is on just public libraries. The gathering this year in Philadelphia had some weather challenges and some presenters, including two of our own, were unable to make it to the conference in time for their presentation, but their presentation still went off without a hitch and was very successful. MPL partnered with the Anythink Library from Colorado to provide a creative experience for the conference attendees. We created a PLA Lovey Town working with Michael Velliquette, the Madison artist who developed the Lovey Town concept. #LoveyTownPLA



MPL was able to send several staff to PLA, including many for their first time. It is a great conference to share and learn from our colleagues. In addition, staff have the opportunity to meet with vendors and explore some of the new products and books that are being introduced in 2018. Staff from Pinney Library in particular did some shopping for their new space. AND, we were there to help support Cindy Fesemyer's campaign to be elected to the PLA Board.

Also at PLA I attended a presentation by Daniel Pink, who will be the author at the upcoming Lunch For Libraries. It was a great presentation and I am looking forward to seeing it again in Madison.

Having my picture taken by Michael Velliquette at PLA LoveyTown with the Anythink Library Director, Pam Sandlian-Smith, who is also the current President of PLA.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION HEAD MEETING (CR)

Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, and Tana Elias gave a presentation at the Dept/Div Head meeting about our work with Results Madison. They did an exceptional job of presenting on how MPL took on this challenge and is beginning to see the fruits of our labor.

TELESTAFF

TeleStaff is software for electronic scheduling of staff. It is currently being used in some other city departments and MPL staff worked with City IT for over 2 years to see how it could work for the library. As I frequently do in my reports I like to share our success stories but unfortunately despite tremendous investment by MPL and City IT, this time it did not work out for the library and we had to close the project. I wanted to share this note because it is important that we always strive to improve our operations and sometimes it doesn't always work out. More importantly is that MPL staff took on the challenge and did its best to see if this would be beneficial to our operations. And even though it didn't work out this time, we still had positive takeaways from the experience. I am very proud of how the staff worked together to explore the possibilities.

URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL (CR)

A message from ULC:

To help position libraries as agents of change for their community with foundation, nonprofit and governmental leaders, ULC placed ads in the March issue of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* (subscription required) and the [April issue of PM Magazine](#) (p.21), a publication of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), that highlight our member community's commitment to advancing race and social equity. Focusing on the theme of *Diversity in Leadership*, this issue of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* provides a powerful platform for ULC's ad to distinguish public libraries as impactful, dedicated allies in the fight for a more just society. The ad in *PM Magazine* will spotlight the library's role in this important topic to city and county managers and other local government leaders around the world. Please find attached a copy of this ad, which shares ULC's Statement on Race and Social Equity, and recognizes the 132 ULC member libraries that have signed on to the statement.

We are grateful for our membership's continued support and contributions to advancing this critical social equity work, and honored to raise awareness of these efforts through our position as the voice of urban public libraries. We look forward to working with you to achieve even greater milestones in the fight for social equity on the road ahead.

This ad is part of our continuing work with our members on race and social equity. You can use this ad by circling your library's name and sharing with your local foundation, nonprofit and local government leaders.

MPL is one of the 132 ULC member libraries to support this work.

Business Meetings

- Pinney Agreement meetings
- MPL Foundation Board meeting
- Meet with OPN on Pinney project
- Pinney Budget discussion
- OPN Finishes Update
- SCLS Director's ILS evaluation
- MEA Supervisor Equitable Hiring Tool
- Pinney Art meeting
- Urban Library Council Breakfast meeting at PLA

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Meeting with Tom Mosgaller
- Strategic Management Oversight Committee (SMOC)
- Municipal ID Committee
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- Line of Sight Committee meetings (SMOC) (Weekly)
- Human Resource Check-in Meeting
- RESJI Committee

Public/Media Appearance

- Retirement reception for Ted DeeDee, executive director of the Overture
- Cecile McLorin Salvant concert with MMSD Superintendent Jen Cheatham
- Solidarity Singers Anniversary party
- Chris Kelly retirement party
- Cap Times UW Freedom of Speech panel
- MPLF Donor Info breakfast
- MPLF Pinney Fundraiser
- Memorial reception for Cheryl Rosen-Weston