

Director's Report
October 2011

All contracts and agreements with the Madison Public Library, the SCLS Resource Library, have been finalized and recommended for approval by the Administrative Council. All costs of the 2012 agreements remain at 2011 levels. Copies of the documents are included in the SCLS Board packet for review. Information about attending the National Legislative Day in Washington D.C. is included for board members interested in attending. As a part of the 2012 budget reductions, SCLS will only pay for one member to attend.

The SCLS annual Learning Day took place on October 11 at the Crowne Plaza hotel with 31 attendees. Topics included Wakanheza, time management and customer service. The afternoon featured Patricia Clason speaking on communication with "Don't Eat the Menu."

The first ILS Users Group event was hosted at the Sun Prairie library on October 19. There were over 45 participants interested in learning more about Koha and open source software. Presentations by Maureen Palmer of Reedsburg, Ben Miller of Sauk City, Vicki Teal Lovely of SCLS and Dennis Reynolds of Madison were well received. There were 2 breakout sessions for small group discussions.

The E-Commerce work group met to prepare questions for vendor demonstrations to take place in November. The work group is charged with investigating software that will allow library customers to pay fines on-line and/or with credit cards.

Several SCLS staff members along with library members attended a WiLS sponsored "library community get together" at Fitchburg Public Library. The sessions included brief presentations from fellow library staff, a discussion about moving the Wisconsin library community more toward adaptability, to help with WiLS strategic planning, and time for sharing.

SCLS Technology staff attended Talka Techa Camp in Stevens Point. This is an all day meeting for system technology staff members to share information and strategize on joint projects. SCLS is responsible for organizing the annual meeting.

I visited members in Plain, Rock Springs, LaValle and the Madison branch of Meadowridge. I visited Prairie du Sac twice in one week. The first day to conduct an annual visit and then I returned 2 days later for their ground breaking. The new library will be called the Ruth Culver Community Library. Both Craig and Lea Culver attended the ground breaking. They plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony next summer. The Culvers are the 2011 SCLS Cornerstone Award honorees. Photographs of the event were posted to the SCLS Facebook page.

The Kraemer Library and Community Center in Plain has hired Carolyn Forde as their new director. She begins work on November 7. Leah Fritsche, Assistant Director of the Deerfield Public Library, has been chosen to succeed Kaia Fry as the Director of the Deerfield Public Library. Brodhead Library is advertising for a new director since Gloria Rosa will be retiring in early 2012.

Respectfully submitted by,

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