

Director's Report

April 2021

Meetings and Visits

I continue to participate in the weekly system directors meetings hosted by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) staff.

I attended the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) annual meeting followed by their board meeting. Continuing the subscription for digital magazines through OverDrive for 2022 was discussed.

I attended several virtual sessions of the Wisconsin Public Libraries Conference. I am required to attend classes to maintain my system director certification and conference attendance is an easy way to get the classes.

The coordinators and I continue to meet weekly as a group. We decided to move forward with replacing the office land lines with cell phones. The office numbers will remain the same. The current office numbers will be "ported" to the cell phones for a smooth transition. We also have been hammering away at the 2022 budget.

I met with the COLAND Library Development Subcommittee and attended the regular COLAND meeting. It was the last COLAND meeting for Kurt Kiefer and we shared our appreciation of his service to libraries.

I met with the SCLS database team for reviewing our service projects.

I attended the All Directors quarterly meeting.

Marathon County

The Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) Board of Trustees met on May 17. I attended the meeting. MCPL received a presentation on cataloging. It highlighted the difference between SCLS cataloging and the way MCPL currently catalogs their materials.

Building Needs Assessment Work Group (BNAW)

The work group continues to research potential locations. The Keller architect and project manager lead a tour to revisit the Fen Oak building to see how it could be renovated to meet SCLS needs.

Foundation (SCLSF)

The Foundation Board approved and signed the annual audit and tax forms. The required paperwork was filed with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions. They also approved 2 Cornerstone events to celebrate the work done by all library staff members during the pandemic. They will be held in Wisconsin Rapids and Monona. More information can be found on the SCLSF webpage. I attended the Madison Community Foundation's annual meeting virtually.

Personnel

Tom Teska was hired as the new SCLS Technology Solutions Architect. He will begin June 1.

Public Library System Redesign (PLSR)

Bruce Smith is the DPI Library Services Team Project Coordinator and PLSR is his first project. The delivery section of PLSR is swiftly moving forward with a hub model and implementation plan. The hope and projection is that the new hub model will save money for everyone across the state.

The intent is for the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) to become the oversight authority for statewide delivery. SCLS would be the new statewide delivery coordinator as a contractor for WPLC.

Currently the statewide delivery is handled by SCLS and it uses its delivery service contract with the UW as the backbone to provide services across the state. A new contract will signed with the U-W this July. The

proposal is to increase service from 4 to 5 days per week at a 15% price reduction (\$133,308). If accepted it will add a day of service to all library systems also.

Further modifications would occur between 2023 and 2025. The final model is that SCLS would no longer deliver directly to UW campuses outside SCLS. It would deliver to a possible 3 hubs. Private delivery vendors and other library systems would be used to transport materials between the other hubs.

Good News

As of June 2, Public Health Madison & Dane County will remove all COVID- related restrictions for residents. The announcement read, “Public Health Madison & Dane County will not be issuing a new order once the current order expires on June 2.” Staff is working on how to react to the exciting news.

Respectfully submitted by,

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