

Director's Report

May 2022

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 Portage County Public Library Board meeting in Stevens Point.

I have made an appointment to meet with the New Glarus library director, Amy Trumble, to conduct her new director orientation to SCLS. I met virtually with the new Wyocena director to conduct his orientation.

I visited the George Culver Community Library in Sauk City and the Lodi Library for my first in person library visits of the year. It was great to sit down and have a conversation with the directors and receive tours of their facilities.

I met with our OCLC representative to discuss our 2023 fees.

Kerrie Goeden and I met with the SCLS Personnel and Budget & Finance Committees to review the 2022 mid-year budget and start on the 2023 budget. As part of the discussion of the upcoming year, the plans and options of the building project were outlined with the group.

I attended the Delivery Committee meeting where the new Delivery Cost Formula was adopted by the members' representatives.

I attended the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) June budget meeting where the 2023 budget was adopted. The board also voted their support of the SCLS project to build a redundant data center in support of the statewide systems' technology infrastructure.

Corey Baumann, Kerrie Goeden and I met with the Delivery facility's landlords to discuss options on the end of our 2023 lease.

Jean Anderson and I hosted a webinar on OverDrive Advantage for the SCLS members. They will vote on the fees in July.

Foundation (SCLSF)

The 2022 Cornerstone will be held at the Lone Girl Brewing Company in Waunakee on September 15. Money raised from the event will be used to support the professional collection in the new building.

Building Needs Assessment Work Group (BNAW)

Chuck Hicklin, Dane County Comptroller, reached out to Kerrie Goeden on 5/26 to follow up on the proposal from Baird Financial to have Dane County refinance SCLS's BCPL loan by issuing bonds and lending \$5.5 million and possibly the additional \$1 million to SCLS. SCLS would then pay off BCPL and would have its loan held by Dane County to be paid over 20 years. Mr. Hicklin feels that the rates have increased to the point where it is not currently of financial advantage to do this arrangement today. There would be a cost to have the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) drafted by their attorney and there isn't enough time to have that completed for a fall bond issue in 2022, which is when Dane County issues all of their bonds. Mr. Hicklin explained that they have a meeting in July, a meeting in August to vote, and then the sale is September 8, 2022.

He is open to having another conversation in the future when the interest rates go back down to a point where it would be of financial advantage for SCLS to refinance the BCPL loan which is currently at 4%. His preference would be to "add on" the SCLS loan to their regular fall issuance. Dane County would be taking on risk with this arrangement, so they would want collateral in the event that SCLS defaulted on a loan payment. The ideal timeframe to follow up on this plan would be to start in January or February, drafting the IGA. We will revisit this plan in January 2023.

BNAW met June 16. SCLS received a counter offer to their *Offer to Purchase* on the morning of June 16. It has been sent to our attorney for review. There will be a detailed report and update presented at the June Board meeting. Time has been dedicated to discussing the new building project on the agenda. David Haug and Devin Flanigan will be in attendance at the meeting.

Personnel

The New Glarus Library has promoted Amy Trumble to the position of library director.

The Brodhead Library Board is going to re-post their job announcement for a new director and place an ad in the *ALA Joblist* in the hope of finding more applicants.

Record Retention

The SCLS formal application for using the Wisconsin Public Records Board Local Units General Records Schedule was submitted to the state archivist. Shannon Schultz presented a training seminar on record retention for the SCLS staff on June 13.

Good News

The Mount Horeb Public Library is celebrating 20 years at their current facility. They are issuing limited edition library cards. They are designed by the Adult Services Librarian, Melissa Roelli. She was able to secure permission from Mo Willems and Richard Scarry for use of their illustrations for a limited number of cards.

Respectfully submitted by,

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