

## **Director's Report**

### **June 2023**

#### **Meetings and Visits**

I conducted an annual visit with the staff of the Rock Springs Public Library.

I conducted an orientation with Kristina McGuire of the Angie W. Cox Public Library in Pardeeville.

I attended the July All Directors meeting at the Pinney Library.

#### **Building Update**

The process of moving the data center was considered a success by the member libraries.

AT&T did not install the necessary phone lines to have "Talking Tech" aka "Harriet" call LINKCat users of their holds. "Harriet" can send texts and emails currently. SCLS has been printing and mailing paper notices, old school style, to the users who only use "Harriet's" phone system. AT&T was on site 7/18 to install the IP Flex equipment for "Harriet". We are waiting for them to activate the service.

Kerrie Goeden and I continue to meet with the construction supervisors every Tuesday morning to review work that has been done and work that needs to be done. SCLS management staff meets twice a month for building updates and reports. There will be a punch list walk through on August 25. September 1 is the date given that all work for the administration part of the building will be completed. We plan on having the September 28 board meeting on site at Pankratz.

The electricians have been wiring the offices along with the data. The local area network for internet is up and operating. The copier is installed and on the network so staff can send their copies to be printed.

The door frames have arrived so the drywall is being installed for offices and meeting rooms. The exterior walls for the addition are going up and the first layer of roof decking has been installed.

We have informed the landlord of the Delivery building, Delta, that we will terminate their lease on January 31, 2024. A schedule of the construction work is included in the board packet as a separate document.

#### **Foundation**

The Foundation Board of Directors met on July 18 to discuss the logistics of the Cornerstone event, schedule upcoming articles of the newsletter and celebrate the rise in returns in their portfolio.

The Foundation will need a new director from the SCLS Board of Trustees to replace Jessica Sayer. T. Walske will be reaching out to trustees.

#### **Personnel.**

Renee Dailey, Director of the Lester Public Library of Rome, has resigned. The board is conducting interviews.

The director of the library located in Amherst has taken a new job. Her position is being advertised. It is a part-time position.

#### **Good News**

The state budget was approved with an additional \$2 million for systems in 2024. This works out to an additional \$275,000 for SCLS in 2024. In 2025 the state budget calls for doubling the amount!

Respectfully submitted by,

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