

Director's Report September 2023

Meetings and Visits

I participated in the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium Visioning Summit on October 16 in Stevens Point. C Baumann, V. Teal-Lovely and Jean Anderson from SCLS also attended the summit.

I attended the October Administrative Council and Delivery Committee meetings along with Coordinators meetings. The meetings were held at Pankratz and tours were offered to attendees.

SCLS will host the System Office Managers and Bookkeeper Association of Wisconsin (SOMBAW) this month.

Building Update

Glacier Landscaping completed their work around the entire site. SCLS is responsible for watering the new plantings and grass.

SCLS sold an extra bike rack from the project. One had to be removed to make room for the electric car charging station.

The Delivery overhead doors have been installed.

The power switch has been delayed until the last week of November or the first week of December due to a shipping delay of a part.

The parking lot has been graded and asphalt was laid down.

Foundation

The Cornerstone was held October 12 at the Waunakee Public Library. The event drew 33 attendees.

Future Thoughts

As the board prepares to hire a new system director, I was asked to share my thoughts on future challenges and opportunities for SCLS.

Statewide delivery will continue to be a large part of the SCLS organization. It is a stabilizing fiscal factor for SCLS and staff needs to take lead as oversight for statewide delivery transitions to the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium. It would be an advantage to the state and SCLS, if the installation of an automated sorting system could have its funding underwritten by the state and WPLC in partnership with SCLS.

Cybersecurity should be an on-going and important project for SCLS and its members.

LINKCat software will be subject to a deep review over the next 2 years. It needs to be integrated with OverDrive and other databases.

The success of SCLS can be traced back to its collaborative management team and giving all staff the space and support to try new concepts and possibly crazy ideas. SCLS is a leader and innovator and that is because of its staff being proactive and not reactive.

Good News

The 2024 system annual plan was submitted before the deadline.

Respectfully submitted by,

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