

# Director's Report

## *March 2024*

### **Meetings and Visits**

I have completed all of my orientation trainings with SCLS staff, which consisted of individual meetings with 17 different staff members. I will continue to work toward my goal of meeting each staff member individually.

Kerrie and I met with Hausmann Insurance to review our coverages, First Business Bank to discuss our investments, and we have been in communication with various service vendors regarding the facility.

The coordinators and I continue to discuss our 2025 budget priorities.

I attended all of the SCLS governance committee meetings to date, including two meetings of the Cost Formula Work Group, the SCLS Database Team, All Directors, the ILS and Technology committees, the Delivery Committee, and the Administrative Council.

Shawn Brommer and I met with the library board and city administrator in Reedsburg to assist in their plans for a new or expanded library space.

I have begun making library visits, as I had identified as a priority during the interview process.

### **Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference**

The 2024 WAPL Conference will take place from Wednesday, May 1, through Friday, May 3, at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center. Jean Anderson and I will attend.

### **Personnel - Madison Public Library**

Madison Public Library has selected Tana Elias as the new director and successor to Greg Mickells, who retired in February. Tana currently serves as the Digital Services and Marketing Manager at MPL. Krissy Wick, Director of Public Services, serves as interim director during this transition and has done a wonderful job. Tana's first day as director will be May 12, 2024. I have already scheduled our first meeting together to discuss our close relationship as system and resource library.

### **Good News**

All member library director positions are currently filled! Our newest directors are Stuart Bisbee at Brodhead, Andrea Schmitz at Belleville, and Kylee Bear at Sauk City. Staff have been very impressed with the professionalism demonstrated by these new directors. We will continue to meet with them as part of our system orientation program.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

*Shannon M. Schultz*