



Dane County Library Service	September Director's Report
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Readmobile Extension Project. I accompanied Rodney Lambright to the Allied Brotherhood meeting on September 26 to get input from young men about what they like to read and what they would like to see on the bus. Rodney also attended a group session at the Wisconsin Youth Company (Park Ridge community) to get similar input from a middle-school group. He will deliver some initial concepts the week of October 1 and then refine the design. We will have a finished design to submit to LDV in early November.

Madison Public Library Foundation has completed an application to Madison Community Foundation for a \$25,000 grant for the project. MPL Director Greg Mickells, Vera Court Community Center Director Tom Solyst, Mendota Community School Coordinator Sonia Spencer and I wrote letters of support for the project. We will find out about this grant in November.

Bookmobile repair. The rear AC unit will be replaced with a Roughneck unit, which should be better able to handle the jostling the rear of the bus gets on the road. Both sets of stairs will be replaced due to wear and tear on the steel. The stairs have been pushed ajar at various stops where they hit the curb when we lower the bus. The rear stairs are at greater vulnerability, as they get the full force of patrons stepping down onto them – the movement is less controlled and more forceful. I anticipate that we will replace the stairs every 3 years.

We are working with Emergency Management to fund an undercarriage wash unit that will allow the washing of the undersides of the Bookmobile and the CV1. The wash comes with a salt block solution that will promote longer life for the chassis', stairs, and all other undercarriage units.

Bookmobile schedule – Fridays. I am excited to report that we may begin to visit Maple Bluff on Fridays starting in November. I reached out to Maple Bluff after hearing nothing regarding the 20 S. Park St. project. They responded with immediate interest! In addition to Maple Bluff, we will be changing our Bristol stop from Sassy Cow to Bristol Ridge Community Park. Sassy Cow never took off the way we had hoped, and Bristol Ridge is in the middle of a large housing development.

October conferences. I will attend the YWCA Racial Justice Summit on October 2 & 3 at Monona Terrace. I will also attend the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference in La Crosse from October 23-26. I have received SCLS grant funding for both of these events.