



Bookmobile

The Bookmobile is back on the road with the caveat of an intermittent electrical issue. Parts have been ordered and we expect the repair to be complete in late February.

Patrons have been patient and gracious with our time off the road due to repairs, weather and holidays. They have appreciated the home delivery of holds. The Bus was “saged” to rid it of negative energy; here’s hoping for fewer issues in 2023!

On a positive note, Saturday stops have bounced back nicely and a new stop at Drumlin Residences in Cottage Grove looks very promising.

Dream Bus



The Dream Bus closed out the year with great numbers at nicely established stops. I’ll be working with the new Madison Public Library Foundation Director, Conor Moran, to work through continued funding for the program for Madison stops.

Sun Prairie has enthusiastically received Dream Bus service and plans to expand stops to more special events in 2023.

I’ll be working with the UW-Madison iSchool and a spring and summer intern to pilot some Dream Bus stops at new locations.

Staffing

I’m happy to report that Emily Baer is our new Library Assistant. She will be on the Bookmobile Wednesdays and Thursdays and have a Dream Bus route. She will be assisting Amy Winkelman, Dream Bus Librarian with collection processing. Finally, she will be a resource for Ali Treviño-Murphy, Beyond the Page Manager.

ReThinking Libraries

I expect that we will see our final recommendations from ReThinking Libraries in January. This will help us plan for a reimbursement strategy for 2024. RTL expects to give us 2-3 options to look at.

Ripple Intern Program

Arielle Barber finished her semester as the first Ripple Intern on a high note. All the feedback received – from Arielle and host Sun Prairie Public Library – was terrific. Arielle will stay on at DCLS as an LTE for the spring semester working Friday’s on the Dream Bus.

We had four applicants for the spring semester, each from different backgrounds with a variety of perspectives and skills. Ali and I are working on placing them at host libraries. So far, Deerfield and Black Earth are very interested.