



Dane County Library Service

November 2022 Director's Report



Bookmobile.

October has been a steady month for Bookmobile stops. The one exception is Fridays in Windsor. We are evaluating possibilities for Friday, especially as we pause our Zoo stops for the cooler months.

Dream Bus.



Dream Bus routes are bustling, especially Theresa Terrace, Vera Court and East Madison Community Center.

I met with staff from Badger Bots in Middleton; they discovered the Dream Bus at Theresa Terrace. They are interested in establishing a vehicle for STEM activities and asked about our experiences.

The Dream Bus will be present at the Trunk-or-Treat event at Sun Prairie on October 29 from 2-5pm.

Staffing.

With Lex Gee's departure, we are hiring for a .5 FTE Library Assistant. This position will crossover between the Bookmobile (CDL) and the Dream Bus, and do some collection linking. The position is posted through mid-November with hopes of having someone in place by early December.

Readmobile news.

We have a purchase order with Ewald for our new Ford chassis. SCLS will cut a check from the holding account there for the payment.

ReThinking Libraries study

I've been working with RTL on clarifying questions regarding our formula study. I was asked to participate in a retreat hosted by RTL for the Sun Prairie Public Library's strategic plan. Their insight into data points, how they are collected and used, was helpful in thinking about data we may be able to utilize for formula purposes.

Collection - Hoopla

We have been discussing changes in the way patrons access media. DVD circulation has changed significantly since COVID, as many patrons became dedicated streamers. To that end, we are reducing our music and DVD budgets and putting more funding toward Hoopla. Nate Snortum, the music and feature film selector, will take on the management of this service, including marketing materials and statistics on use. It you haven't tried Hoopla, here is the link: https://www.dcls.info/digital scroll down to see Hoopla.