Dane County Library Service

December 2022 Director's Report



Bookmobile.

The Bookmobile is in the shop for a diesel exhaust fluid filter issue. The filter will need to be cleaned or a replacement ordered. In the meantime staff has home-delivered holds to HUGE appreciation by our patrons. While there are many downsides to the vehicle being off the road, one upside is making these personal connections.

There are more restrictions on the process of acquiring a CDL since Lex Gee and John Roberts received their CDL. There is now Entry Level Driver Training coursework that is required. Happily, our tester from Integrity Testing has been able to steer us through the added complexities of the process. I am hopeful that three new individuals (including me) will begin training for the CDL in mid-December.

Dream Bus.



Dream Bus routes continue to be well-visited, even with the winter weather. I recently had to send statistics to Madison Public Library: 2019: 5,101 visitors; 393 new cards 2020: 1,380 visitors, 91 new cards; 1,300 book/craft bags issued in summer 2021: 3,922 visitors, 102 new cards 2022 Jan-Oct: 7,184 visitors; 211 new cards

Staffing.

I am conducting phone interviews with eight candidates for the Library Assistant position during the week of 11/28.

Dane County Librarians Meeting.

We held a hybrid DCL meeting at Belleville Public Library, complete with a tour of this lovely new facility. ReThinking Libraries was in attendance to share their approach to data and possible recommendations for updating or changing the operational formula. Tanya Buckingham, Communications Manager for Dane County Human Services (and our YGP Lois Buckingham's mom!) was also present to talk with libraries about how to partner to share information and programs with Dane County communities.