Dane County Library Service	December Director's Report
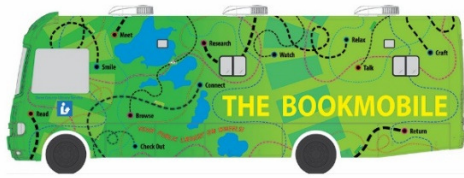
Bookmobile.

The Bookmobile has been off road waiting for a new radiator. The radiator has been ordered; however, someone else got it because they paid for next-day shipping. We have used a combination of the Readmobile (weekdays) and the Dream Bus (Saturdays) to delivery holds to patrons. The week of Thanksgiving the vehicle was off the road due to investigating alternative options (Highway Dept) and the holiday. This is obviously a frustrating time for patrons and the Library Assistants!

Dream Bus.

Dream Bus use continues to be steady with new patrons. As of 11/22/21, there were 311 visitors and 12 new library cards issued at the Dream Bus in November.

Beyond the Page/Ripple Project.

As you know, we received a Wisconsin Humanities Council Recovery grant in the amount of $9,942 towards marketing Ripple Programming in 2022. The BTP Coordinator is matching libraries with their program picks and getting the initial schedule together for the end of the year.

Reimbursement formula.

At the Dane County Library meeting in November, there was overwhelming support to again repeat the 2021 reimbursement and look at a new formula. I have seven volunteers for a formula workgroup that will meet beginning December 1. We will look at a variety of options, including Waukesha County's formula, using circulation as ONE component of the formula, valuations and collection budgets.

Staff news.

Sky Johnson's last day will be December 17. He is moving to Georgia to begin school in January. Cassidy Wimmer will begin training as a new LTE Clerk in December.

I will post in December for the Beyond the Page Manager, the 50% Library Assistant and the two 50% Clerks. My hope is to have everyone interviewed and hired by January so that we can begin the year with a full staff.

Reclassification for the mobile services Library Assistants is underway. This is a collaborative process with the Library Assistants, Employee Relations and Library Director.