



Dane County Library Service	November Director's Report
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Bookmobile Construction - LDV has given us an updated timeline for bus delivery of March 2017. This is due to delays with the chassis delivery, which then delayed the body build at Foretravel. LDV expects the bus to be delivered to them by mid-January 2017, at which time they will have full control over the build. Given this delayed timeline, we have taken measures to prepare the current bus for another winter.

Racial Equity/Social Justice – DCLS Staff and staff from 11 other libraries participated in a 3-day workshop on racial equity/social justice over the course of 3 Wednesdays in October. The YWCA presented training that included cross-cultural communication, bias and privilege. Feedback has been positive and has given DCLS staff a common experience from which we can discuss RESJ topics at staff meetings. It is my hope to continue to coordinate this kind of training for Dane County Libraries and be a resource of RESJ information for them.



Beyond the Page Applicants are working on their competitive grant applications for 2017, which are due on November 17. The Beyond the Page Oversight Committee will hold an initial planning meeting on November 3 to discuss the next five years of BTP, including a clear vision and how marketing, donor relations, finance and staffing support that vision.

DCL Standards – I am awaiting just a couple more standards approval resolutions from libraries. We have approval of 50% of the library boards that represent 80% of the community, so I have asked for this item to be put on the County Board agenda for approval. Supervisor Dye has agreed to introduce the resolution.

Relocation - We continue to work on weeding the collection so that if we move in 2017 we will not be taking unnecessary collection with us. Carlos Pabellon will set up a meeting with everyone who has an interest in the move to create a plan and timeline.

SCLS News – An ILS Summit was held on October 14 to discuss the future of Koha. The project manager from LibLime, the company developing Koha, explained an upcoming code fusion process. LibLime will fuse an academic product they have been working on with the public library product to produce a new platform on which we will search. We heard about this last year and were told that the code fusion would be rolled out in fall of 2016; the expected date is fall of 2017. I believe that there is potential for better cataloging and searching with this new system; however, I am skeptical of the timeline.

Public Library System Redesign – I attended WLA in Milwaukee to help roll out the Consulting Team's concept design for service. WLA presented the first opportunity for the public library folks to look at all the teams' models and give feedback. Generally, comments were positive and the process doesn't seem to have taken anyone by surprise. Look to www.plsr.info for these models online in November.