Bookmobile RFP

John Welch (Public Works/Solid Waste) has received an estimate for updating our current garage for the new Bookmobile. He will have the RFP ready soon for my review; we will then put it out for bid.

As a side note, the Bookmobile was off the road from June 1- June 8, the result of a leaking fuel tank. We delivered it to Wisconsin Bus Sales and they had to send the tank out for repair. The Library Assistants used the Readmobile to deliver holds and red bins with items for patrons to browse. While not the Bookmobile, patrons are extremely appreciative of this service. That said, we are all, staff and patrons, elated to have Booker back!

Reimbursement payments to Dane County libraries

Payments are due to libraries by June 30. These will go out with Library Board approval after our meeting. These payments include the Fitchburg reconciliation for libraries that are owed payment.

Fitchburg reconciliation

Julie Chase has graciously completed the Fitchburg reconciliation for 2011-2014, which depended on the 2014 use data. I have discussed possible plans for how to reconcile payments for those libraries who owe money with Fitchburg, Jon Hochkammer, and the County; I will present such plans to the Library Board. DCLS will help facilitate these payments over the next 2-3 years.

Visits with Libraries

I continue my visits to Dane County Libraries. So far, I have been to Belleville, Black Earth, Cross Plains, Deerfield, Marshall, Mazomanie, Middleton, Mount Horeb, and Waunakee; Verona and Oregon are slated for mid-June visits.

Requests for Booker!

We have had numerous requests this year for Booker's presence around the Dane County area. As you know, we took Booker to the Kids Expo on March 22. We have been asked to stop at a retail facility in Middleton. Our latest request came from the new Monona Street Farmers' Market, which is new in 2015. When we have not been able to take Booker to an event, we have substituted the Readmobile, such as at the Garden Expo in February, the Mallards game on July 1 and the Quilt Expo this fall. Given the requests for the Bookmobile, I am considering a plan for what it would cost on a per event basis to take the Bookmobile or the Readmobile to various events.

July 1 Mallard's Night

The Readmobile will be featured at the Mallard's game on Wednesday, July 1 from 5-7 p.m. We will join a SCLS Delivery truck, which will also be present. Given that Summer Library Program will be in full swing, and that our Summer Reading Program theme this year is Heroes, there just might be a superhero or two who show up!

Summer Reading Program

We launch into Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 15. This is an exciting time, with children and adults reading for enjoyment with prize incentives. This year's Heroes theme is particularly thrilling. We welcome Brianne Williams, who will be helping with Bookmobile programming on Tuesday and Saturday stops. We hope to cover the roof of the Bookmobile with stars from all the children who take part in the program.

Instagram presence

We have started an Instagram presence and can be found at #DaneCountyLibrary Service. We hope to post plenty of staff and patrons picks, as well as summer photos!