Dane County Library Service

October Director's Report



Bookmobile RFP

RFPs were due on September 23. We will work with the Purchasing Department for evaluation and determine the next steps for contracting a vendor.

Relocation Report

In your packet you will find the latest information about the relocation of the Library Service. You will see that the County Administrator has confirmed that there is no urgency in moving the Library Service and that a move would be considered only if we

found an ideal space to lease or, more probably, purchase.

Proposed Standards Revisions

I've compiled concerns voiced to me by some Dane County Libraries with some possible solutions regarding the Dane County Library Standards. I would appreciate input from the Library Board to share with the Dane County Libraries at our meeting in November. I hope to have a recommendation for the December Library Board meeting.



Updating www.dcls.info

We are working on making the language on our website clearer and more patron-centered. Per the guidance of Richard Johnson, Dane County ADA Coordinator, we are updating the narrative to reflect that not all people might be able to enter the Bookmobile; however, staff is happy to prepare items to deliver outside of the bus. In addition, we are revising how we refer to "homebound" patrons.



Quilt Expo

The Dane County Libraries table was very popular with the Quilt Expo visitors. The Expo had almost 20,000 visitors over three days. We had a variety of quilt books for people to check out and heard many people say that it was wonderful to see the "library" at the event. Next year, Pat Behling has arranged for the DCL table to be in an alcove where we can do a quilt book swap and a book sale in addition to checking out items. We are excited for this terrific exposure!

Beyond the Page Grant-writing Workshop

DCLS has organized a grant-writing workshop with Tom Linfield from the Madison Community Foundation. During this three-hour, hands-on workshop, library staff from all over Dane County will receive information on how to navigate the pitfalls of grant-writing and turn out a successful grant. The event will be held at Fitchburg Public Library on Monday, October 26 from 12:30-4 p.m.





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