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**April Director's Report**

**Bookmobile RFP** - Our first build change happened right out of the gate! The rear-engine chassis that we planned on created problems with door placement. As a result, we are going with a front-engine chassis, which affords us a foot more room! We will be working closely with LDV over the next few months to fine-tune our new bus. It cannot happen soon enough, as Booker was off the road with electrical ailments several days in March. The bus had to be towed twice, once from the Job Center and once from Martinsville.



**Out and About** - If last year's Kids Expo was a success, this year's broke all records! Peter Cupery drove the bus to the Alliant Center and once the event opened to the public, he and I never saw one another! We had, literally, hundreds of children and care-givers visit. Big thanks to Amy Perry, Outreach Librarian from Middleton, who helped out in the afternoon.

The Bookmobile and Readmobile will make an appearance in the Monona Memorial Day parade this year. What a terrific way to celebrate 50 years of service!

**Pilot projects** - Due to night meetings, I was not able to visit Eagle Heights in March; however, I plan to visit in April and give some instruction on how to place holds and pick them up at the Shorewood Hills stop.

I attended the Owl Creek Neighborhood Resource Team meeting on Wednesday, March 2. Before establishing a regular stop, we need to determine what time the kids arrive home on the school bus. In the meantime, we are considering a stop on Thursdays from 3-3:30 during Summer Library Program. This would allow us to assess use before we make any permanent plans for the school year.

**SCLS – All Directors' Meeting, 3/17/16**

**~Delivery** -Overall delivery is down 2%, but still and impressive 12,053,400 materials in 2015. Delivery gets over 400,000 miles out of their vehicles, greatly due to weekly maintenance and washing. There is no budget increase expected for service in 2017.

**~ILS/Technology** - Expected budget increases include vendor increases, cataloging agreement overhaul, infrastructure and network hardware replacements, and a ½ time assistant.

**~Cost Formula Workgroup** - This group was reconvened to look at the effects of eRate filtering cost reduction on the current cost formula, as well as looking at how libraries are charged for devices and software that interface with the network. The current cost formula will remain the same with rebates available to libraries who qualify for them.

**WLA** – I serve on the Membership Committee and we are working on resurrecting a brochure for members, taking steps to make new members feel welcomed by the organization, and tapping into library school student membership.

**Public Library System Redesign (PLSR)** – As the Project Lead for the Consultant Team, I participated in an intensive organizational meeting in DeForest from March 9 – March 10. Team leadership chose committee members and worked on establishing the groundwork for how to move ahead. This project is expected to take up to two years.



**Beyond the Page**

The Beyond the Page Oversight Committee is offering two workshops to better equip Dane County Libraries with information to write successful grants. We will hold an ideas workshop in May, where participants will share ideas for 2017 projects and get some guidance from the Committee. In addition we will hold a grant-writing workshop in August with the expertise of the Wisconsin Humanities Council to make sure that each grant application represents the humanities.