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DCLS Trustee Trivia Challenge!

Pat Behling and I would like to propose that our Dane County Library Board sponsor a table at the Library Trivia Event. If each trustee donates \$28 to the event, then we would be sponsoring a table which would make it possible for our board to challenge the 17 Dane County Library Boards to also sponsor a table. Each table costs \$250 so \$28 per board member would pay for a table of 10. If all of our member boards meet this challenge we would contribute \$6750.00 for the event before people start signing up. Pat has already given me her \$28; it would be terrific to have all contributions ready at our March 3 Library Board meeting!

Bookmobile RFP

We are moving forward with LDV in Burlington and have a pre-construction meeting scheduled for mid-March.

Kids Expo – March 6

We will again have a presence at the Kids Expo on Sunday, March 6. Peter Cupery will drive the bookmobile and Amy Perry from Middleton Public Library will help staff the event!

Pilot projects

I've been working with Madison Public Library on re-establishing service to the Eagle Heights community, which used to be served by a joint effort from MPL and DCLS. Our first visit there on February 10 was hugely successful with 58 people attending a story time with craft. I checked out all the children's books I brought to the event and issued about 10 library cards.

In addition, we are looking at the possibility of experimenting with Thursday service to the Owl Creek community, which borders Blooming Grove, south on Hwy 51. I will attend a neighborhood meeting on March 2 to discuss service desires and expectations. In the meantime, I have asked the drivers to weigh in on location and timing of the stop, so as not to interfere with our Waubesa Heights and Brooklyn stops on that day.



Friends Group

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary, it seems a good time to look at establishing a Friends of the Bookmobile group. We have the articles of incorporation and a small fund for the Friends; however, there is no Board and no member plan. I'll be working on more details to outline what a Friends group and membership benefits might look like.

SCLS

The ILS Committee, per their 2/3/16 meeting, is looking to review/restructure the Cataloging Contract with Madison Public Library with an eye on MPL taking on more of the authority control and the database cleanup and maintenance. SCLS has seen a staff change at LibLime, our ILS vendor. This means that LibLime is taking the lead on prioritizing bug fixes, something in which SCLS had a more active role in the past. SCLS is working with the various libraries that are sponsoring the code fusion towards making sure that the new ILS has functionality that serves our system needs.

In addition, SCLS has resurrected the Cost Formula Workgroup to look at the impact of Erate discounts available for equipment at the infrastructure and network levels of the SCLS network. Libraries must filter in order to get the discounts and not every library plans to filter. At our recent workgroup meeting (I am a member) we made large strides in deciding that rather than change the Cost Formula, each filtering library could get a rebate for any Erate discounts. Dane County Library Service has no plans to filter at this time.