



**Bookmobile.**

It has been a busy summer on the Bookmobile with 457 children participating in Summer Reading! Crafts have been incredibly popular at all sites.

The Bookmobile will be off the road the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>, heading to LDV for its annual checkup.

**Dream Bus.**



The Dream Bus has been kickin' it this summer! We've had over 1,700 visitors and issued 35 cards thus far. The Dream Bus hosted 3 Ripple Project events in July at Kennedy Heights, Allied Drive and Theresa Terrace. Martinez White, who wrote *Think Like a DJ: 7 Steps to Spin Poverty in to Prosperity*, incorporated his DJ and motivational skills to have the communities dancing, sharing their dreams, participating in a coloring contest and practicing their DJ skills.

<https://madison365.com/martinez-whites-new-book-shows-you-what-you-can-accomplish-when-you-think-like-a-dj/>

**Readmobile news.**

I've been working with County Purchasing on our replacement Readmobile. Good news! We can utilize a cooperative agreement to have LDV build the new vehicle, which means we do not have to go to bid. Todd, Mary and I are looking at the models LDV has in the range of a 25 foot vehicle. We are looking at if this vehicle can be a hybrid; electric is still a ways off, given the lack of charging stations in the remote areas of the County. LDV estimates 16 months from order to delivery.



**Beyond the Page/Ripple Project.**

We had one applicant for our *Ripple Intern Program*; however, she is absolutely perfect for the program! We are proceeding with the knowledge that we will learn a lot from the experience, and hope to give the intern a terrific that can be replicated.

**Other news.**

The Dane County Library Directors overwhelmingly voted for Rethinking Libraries to do the reimbursement formula analysis. I've already had a planning meeting with them.

After working on the budget, it was clear that we had some space to pilot a program desired by Dane County Libraries for years: substitute staffing. I'm working on how the pilot would be structured and what a contract would look like. I've included the expenditures and revenues in the budget documents.