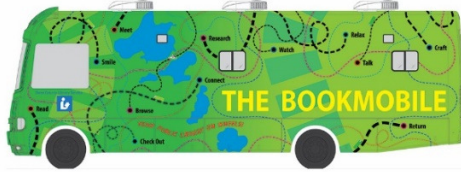


**Dane County Library Service****May 2023 Director's Report****Bookmobile**

We are still waiting on the electrical component for our headlight issues. In the meantime, staff have made adjustments to the routes so that the Bookmobile is not on the road at night.

National Bookmobile Day was celebrated at the Bookmobile's Piggly Wiggly stop in Cottage Grove. Present were the Friends of the Cottage Grove Library, DJ Martinez White, Dream Bus and crafts.

Summer Reading Program visits are scheduled with schools in Shorewood Hills, Brooklyn and Cottage Grove. Mary has some fabulous prizes that are sure to delight young readers!

Dream Bus

Dream Bus stops are active and more special events are on the horizon with block parties and end of school approaching. I took the Dream Bus to West Middleton Elementary School on April 14 where I had 16 classes visit. Ricardo Marroquin and Louis Hilson took the Dream Bus to Verona for their Latino Nation event. Both of these schools serve the west side of Madison where we stop at Elver Park, Theresa Terrace and Allied Drive.

Summer schedules are set with many partnerships with Madison Parks, Sun Prairie Farmers' Market, Eagle Heights Community Center and Lussier Family Heritage Center. DJ Martinez White (pictured with his son) will return to provide programming at three different locations this summer.

Staffing

We wish Arielle Barber well as she leaves DCLS for international travels. Arielle was a Ripple Intern during fall 2022 and continued as an LTE Clerk for the spring semester.

We are happy to welcome Addie Lennon and Ros Faulkner, iSchool interns; and Clei Johnson, iSchool practicum student. They will be helping to deliver mobile library services through the Bookmobile and the Dream Bus.

Ripple Intern Program

This week marks the conclusion of our second cohort of Ripple Interns. I'd like to thank Ciara Harris, Hima Mouli, Olivia Zhu, and Mulilo Alves Zacareli. I appreciate their work and willingness to share their talents with us!

Budget

I'll be working on a preliminary budget for 2024 to present to the Board at the June meeting. At this point, the only change I see is the increase for operational and facility reimbursements. These have been held at 2021 reimbursement levels due to unstable data for 2020 and 2021. The 2024 reimbursements utilize 2018, 2019 and 2022 data.