

## **Dane County Library Service**

**October Director's Report** 



Bookmobile Construction - LDV is still waiting on the chassis and body for our new Bookmobile. While they have not updated their delivery date (which had been mid-October), I expect that we will get the new bus by year's end. Once we have a firmer estimate, we will make the following plans:

-PR tour with the new bus to show it off;

-Roll out with ribbon cutting at a DC Board of Supervisors meeting with tribute to Dode;

-Move materials from old bus to new.

Out and About - We showed the movie Zootopia at our four evening stops: Dane, Blue Mounds, Cottage Grove and Brooklyn. While turnout was small, we learned a lot about how we would like to modify the events for August 2017, after the Summer Reading Program is over, and before school begins.

The Republican Women of Dane County donated 28 copies of the title Killing the Rising Sun by Bill O'Reilly to each library in Dane County. Marilyn Stautter and Nancy Bartlett, Club President, attended the September 1st Dane County Librarians meeting to talk about how donating a book to every library expands their Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project efforts. The books were inscribed by hand by one of the Club's members and have been distributed to all libraries.



## **Racial Equity/Social Justice**

I'm proud to say that we have planned a series of three training sessions with the YWCA for all Dane County library staff to attend. The trainings build on one another and include the topics of Communicating Across Cultures, Deconstructing Racism and Exploring Privilege. DCLS staff will attend these sessions as part of our work towards RESJ initiatives for the County, as well as serving as our annual in-service. We have 28 people signed up from eleven different Dane County libraries. The training will be at DeForest Library from 8:30-12:30 on October 5, 12 & 19. The charge per person is approximately \$110, which will be invoiced to each library upon completion of the series.



## **Beyond the Page**

Applicants are working on their competitive grant applications for 2017, which are due on November 17. The Beyond the Page Oversight Committee will hold a planning meeting on November 3 to discuss the next five years of BTP, including a clear vision and how marketing, donor relations, finance and staffing support that vision.

DCL Standards – Libraries are in the process of having their library boards sign approval resolutions to amend the standards. Once we have 50% of the library boards that represent 80% of the population approve the amendment, we will be able to have the County Board approve the changes.

Relocation - We continue to work on weeding the collection so that if we move in 2017 we will not be taking unnecessary collection with us. In general, we add about 15,000 items to our collection every year. This means that we should be weeding between 10K and 15K per year to stay within our space and keep our collection looking fresh and attractive to our patrons.

SCLS News - The SCLS 2017 budget was approved at the September Administrative Council meeting. It then goes to the SCLS Board for their approval. I will have a copy of the budget and the notes to share at the Library Board meeting.

Public Library System Redesign - The PLSR models were tested out on all PLSR participants on September 21 at a meeting that was held in Almond, WI. All groups, including my Consulting Committee, received valuable feedback to prepare our models for sharing at WLA in Milwaukee in late October. I'll be attending WLA for the conference and to assist in staffing the PLSR tables.