



Dane County Library Service	March Director's Report
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<u>New Bookmobile!!!</u> The new bus made its inaugural trip on Monday, April 17 to a warm welcome at Shorewood Hills. Other than a few kinks, the drivers and patrons alike are enjoying the new vehicle. The new bus was featured at Deerfield Public Library on National Bookmobile Day. It will return there for their Big Rigs event on May 5.

BUS-ted went well, with quite a few people coming through both buses. Mallory Shotwell transformed the old bus into a literary wonderland with the theme "The Bookmobile takes you places!"

<u>New Home.</u> The RFP for construction on our new home is out with bids due back in early May. I expect construction will begin in June. DCLS staff visited the Planning Department two weeks ago to see what our new furniture will look like.

PLSR. PLSR work continues. Please check out www.plsr.info for more information.

<u>Dane County Librarians' Meeting.</u> We are scheduled to have three speakers at our May 11 meeting. Carolyn Shaffer of Black Earth will talk about Groundwork Madison and how we can work with them on RESJ initiatives. Certified Fraud Examiner Dave Boyden will talk with libraries on protecting themselves from fraud. Mark Fraire of Dane County Cultural Affairs will talk about Dane Arts and the mural project with the directors.

<u>Beyond the Page.</u> The Beyond the Page Oversight Committee will again host a spring Ideas Workshop on May 17. Ideas will focus on how to collaborate using EZ grants, developing grants that feature diversity, and generating ideas for a county-wide project. They are working on a survey for libraries to get feedback on the first five years of the endowment.

Tracy's Calendar.

- I was off for my kids' spring break from April 10-14.
- -I attended ILS & Technology Committee meetings on April 5 and an Administrative Council meeting on April 20.
- -I took the DCLS staff downtown to the Planning Department to see their new furniture. We will have similar furniture in our new location.
- -I attended the lunch meeting of the Republican Women of Dane County on April 21. They gave each library in Dane County a copy of *Killing the Rising Sun* in September 2016. I spoke about DCLS, our membership in SCLS, the new Bookmobile and our upcoming move.
- -On April 26 and 27, I assisted Stoughton Public Library with interviewing three candidates for their Adult Services Librarian position.