



**Dane County Library Service**

**November Director's Report**

**1874 S. Stoughton Rd.** We are thrilled to be in our new home! The move went about as smoothly as a move can go! We fit into our space nicely and have arranged everything we brought with us. Two of the nicest things about moving are 1) getting rid of stuff you don't need, and 2) streamlining processes for getting the work done. The new space suits our workflow well.

**PLSR.** PLSR work continues for all teams. Much attention is being paid to the details of models. The Continuing Education/Consulting Team presented their model during the PLSR track at Wisconsin Library Association. Our presentation was generally well-understood and well-received. Please check out [www.plsr.info](http://www.plsr.info) for more information.

Our next CE/Consulting Team meeting is November 14. At this meeting, we will discuss the feedback we received from WLA, staffing our model and compiling our piece of the final PLSR report to the Steering Committee.

**Beyond the Page.** Efforts continue towards planning a county-wide event for 2021. The theme will be racial equity and social justice, and will include staff training, facilitated community discussions, and of course book and film discussions.

The Oversight Committee is working on getting feedback from libraries and BTP partners to shape future programming. The Oversight Committee has also sent out a call for artists who are interested in submitting concepts for a new Beyond the Page logo.

**2018 Budget.** I presented my budget to the County Board of Supervisors on September 18 and to the Personnel & Finance Committee on October 16. There have been no questions except to clarify the new facilities maintenance line for our new location.

**ILS demos.** I have attended all three ILS demos for Polaris, Sirsi/Dynix and LibLime Bibliovation. I am part of the acquisitions module subcommittee and will be looking with that group at any questions that arose out of the demos for vendors to answer. We are planning for site visits at Polaris and Sirsi/Dynix libraries in WI and IL during November. SCLS is working on getting quotes from these two vendors. Our ambitious timeline calls for the Lead Evaluation Team to submit a final recommendation to library directors in December.

**Read About Project.** I have been working with Jenni Collins, Executive Director of the Madison Public Library Foundation, and Krissy Wick, Director of Public Services at MPL, in preparation for an application to the Goodman Foundation for funding of our Read About project. If funded, we will plan on the build of a new Readmobile in 2018 with staffing and service to begin in 2019. I will ask for the extra staffing, programming and collection funding in our 2019 operational budget.