



Dane County Library Service

February Director's Report

YWCA Restorative Justice Training. We will receive our first training installment on Thursday, February 15. The training will involve all staff initially and then the trainer will spend time with the drivers to discuss Owl Creek specifically. We plan to hold 3 more sessions throughout the year. I received a \$400 SCLS continuing education grant towards this training.

Reader's Advisory Webinar. The drivers and I participated in a 90 minute webinar about how to develop reader's advisory skills. The webinar was offered through the Nicolet Federated Library System who hosted RA expert Becky Spratford who provides the blog <http://raforall.blogspot.com>. Amy Winkelman found it and we all found her tips and tricks for recommending books and "speed reading" hugely helpful!

ILS Demos. We are nearing the end of the ILS Evaluation process and it has been surprising to say the least. We all had high hopes when we saw the vendor demonstrations; however, site visits quickly planted us back in reality. Neither Polaris nor SirsiDynix has a fully web-based product, which hugely hampers DCLS, not to mention all other libraries. Another issue is that of cost, as a client-based system means a cost for each "seat" where the software is used. The process will finish with a final recommendation to go to the All Directors' meeting.

LDV visit for Readmobile platforms. Mary Driscoll, Amy Winkelman, Pete Patten (DaneCo Purchasing), Brianna Williams (Goodman South Madison Branch) and I visited LDV to see three different small truck platforms as options for the new Readmobile. We hope to move ahead with the build process within the first quarter of 2018. We have narrowed down a list of features we would like included and will probably go the route of RFP as opposed to a bid process.

UW Health 20 S. Park. We received funding to provide Bookmobile service to the UW Health Clinic at 20 S. Park. This is a 2-year grant that will provide a weekly stop, as well as books for the collection, backpacks for children with books to keep, backpacks for mothers, and programming/craft materials. We are working on coordinating with Meriter's NICU, who also was interested in partnering with DCLS on a Bookmobile stop and having us provide a monthly delivery.

DCLS "Extension." I have met with the Sun Prairie, Middleton and Fitchburg Library Directors about offering Bookmobile service for a fee. They all are very interested and can see the potential for mobile services in each of their communities. I expect that we will see requests for the 2019 budget year, if as early as summer of 2018.