

**Dane County Library Service****February Director's Report**

**Staff training.** We kicked off 2019 with a staff training on Overdrive/Libby downloadable books. Our very own Mary Driscoll led us through this orientation. Each month we will incorporate some kind of instruction into our staff meetings. Several will include racial equity/social justice material and discussion.

**Dream Bus.** Amy Winkelman and I, along with artist Rodney Lambright, visited LDV to see the vehicle in the build stall. We saw the draft prints of the wrap, which were phenomenal! We expect to pick up the Dream Bus the last week in January or first week in February.

We have hired one Clerk for the Dream Bus, Ricardo Marroquin, a student from Madison College. We have had a couple of interviews for the second Clerk position and hope to fill it soon.

We will begin a soft roll in February, hopefully with the Sun Prairie Public Library staff inservice on February 8. We plan to visit Madison Central while Rodney Lambright is the artist-in-residence at the Bubbler; all Madison Branch libraries; all schools affiliated with the Dream Bus stops; and various Dane County libraries.

The schedule has been pretty much determined as the following:

Monday: Park Ridge – Waterleaf/Crossings – 2pm -4pm

Tuesday: Leopold School – 3pm-5pm

Wednesday: Vera Court/Kennedy Heights – Mendota School/Lindbergh School – 2:45pm-4:45pm

Thursday: Reindahl Park – Sandburg School/Straubel Court – 3:30pm-5:30pm

Friday: Allied Drive – 3pm-5pm

Saturday: Sun Prairie – YMCA/Vandenburg Heights – 9am-11am



**Friends report.** Since kicking off our membership drive, we have 13 NEW members, including 3 library Friends' groups, and a total of \$730 in membership! An idea came up at our recent DCL meeting to have a Friends Summit for all Friends groups in Dane County to share ideas, support and best practices. Pat Behling has generously agreed to be part of the planning committee.

**Stoughton Library Director Interviews.** I have been asked to participate in the initial interviews for the Stoughton Public Library director on February 4. Richard MacDonald is retiring at the end of March.

**ABOS Conference in October.** LDV is interested in showing both the Bookmobile and the Dream Bus at the Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services Annual Conference in Omaha, NE in October. LDV would pay for the driving of both vehicles to the conference and the hotel stay of up to two individuals. I'm looking at using this opportunity as a staff in-service. This would mean taking both vehicles off the road from Tuesday – Sunday. Staff would travel via car on Tuesday, attend the conference Wednesday, Thursday & return on Friday. The Bookmobile and Dream Bus would be off the road for the week.

