Dane County Library Service

January Director's Report

Bookmobile.

We have settled into our winter schedule with holds continuing to pick up and new patrons at almost every stop. We will likely take the bus to LDV in January for a shade motor repair and some electrical work.





Dream Bus.

Dream Bus box drops continue to be successful; however, we are often at the mercy of the MSCR CARES agencies and their level of closure. For example, they suddenly closed due to the rise in COVID from November 30 – December 11. When this happens we prepare boxes for future drops.

Friends report. See latest newsletter

Plan of Service Updates.

We will review our Plan of Service in February. I wanted to make you aware of some proposed language changes to the POS. These changes reflect the use of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. OCLS has identified 5 of these that fall directly under the work of libraries: Reduce inequities; Peace & Justice; Partnerships for the Goals; Decent Work and Economic Growth; and Quality Education. DCLS' work relates directly to the first 3 of these goals.

Beyond the Page Ripple Project.

I have reached out to Urban Triage, Freedom Inc, and the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness to discuss the Ripple Project and how we might partner with these agencies to engage around library programming.

We received our survey results from August Ball at Cream City Conservation; I'll share this information at our January Library Board meeting. Library directors are looking at representatives from their libraries to the regional library equity teams. These teams will begin meeting in January 2021.

Svetha Hetzler and I have been working on the idea of a paid intern program that would recruit high school and college students of color to work in various Dane County libraries. Interns would receive foundational training at DCLS, and then shadow staff at libraries and be qualified to serve as substitutes for illness or vacations.

Supervisor Ratcliff put me in contact with Supervisor McGinnity to discuss the idea of training rural Dane County residents on how to be allies.

Dane County Extension's Healthy Communities Coordinator Claire Mance and I are working on a program that would align with the Summer Reading Program to recognize and award families for reading AND leading a healthy lifestyle.

I'm looking to have my permanent staff attend the Justified Anger 6-week Black History course. We would use our staff training funding and some SCLS CE grant funds to pay for the training.