



Bookmobile

School visits have been lively the last weeks of school! The Bus as made guest appearances at Shorewood Hills, Brooklyn, Taylor Prairie, Cottage Grove and Windsor Elementary Schools. Kiddos are EXCITED! Summer Reading Program (with crafts) officially begins June 10.

Dream Bus

The summer schedule is set for the Dream Bus. New Madison stops include Lussier Family Heritage Center, 7 Oaks, Camden Square Apartments, Meadowlands. New Sun Prairie stops are Wildwood Apartments and Uplands Park. The Dream Bus will be at all Elver, Allied and Hammersley Parks Alive events, as well as Madison WestFest, Madison & Sun Prairie Juneteenth festivals, SP Pridefest, SP Farmers' Markets .



We welcome Maker Intern Yaritza Garcia who will bring art and craft making to the Dream Bus stops.

MiniMobile design

The new MiniMobile is expected to go into production this fall. To that end, I've contracted with Rodney Lambright II who did the art design for the Dream Bus wrap. While the new vehicle will be green, the art will differ from the Bookmobile.

Beyond the Page

The *Latine music & dance event series* has been very popular. Angela Puerta, Luis Armacanqui and Mariachi Sol de Madison are bringing music and dance at various libraries throughout Dane County. Look to the Beyond the Page newsletter for dates and times.

Dr. Erica Halverson and Jessica Jane Witham of Whoopensocker reached out with an idea for a Wisconsin Humanities Council grant that would use local writing to create stories that lift the unique character of rural communities. Black Earth, Belleville, Cambridge, Cross Plains, Deerfield, and Marshall are all libraries that would be a great fit. Look for more information as the plan develops.

IDEA Team

Through my work with the IDEA Team, we just launched a funding opportunity for libraries to work with a consultant on local DEI work. This funding give libraries the opportunity to work internally with staff, perform a collection audit, or strategize a plan to connect with a specific part of their community. The application template was taken directly from the Beyond the Page EZ grant form, as was the evaluation form. This funding will be available from June 2024 – May 2025.

Check Out APT

The library voucher program launched on May 15 and was met with enthusiasm. APT let me know that they are seeing new attendees to APT through this program. There is another batch of vouchers to be made available on July 15.

We welcome **County Supervisor Yogesh Chawla** to the Library Board as County Board liaison!