



Dane County Library Service

Est. 1966

Equitable library service for
County residents



DCLS - What we do

- ▶ Collection - 45K items shared with 54 libraries
- ▶ Mobile libraries - Bookmobile, Dream Bus, BKM Jr
- ▶ Outreach Services - 90 facilities, homebound, Play Lit
- ▶ Library contracts for service to all residents
- ▶ Beyond the Page Endowment



DCLS - Library equity since 1966

- ▶ Contracts with libraries
- ▶ Mobile services
- ▶ Race to Equity Report
- ▶ Bookmobile pilot at Owl Creek
- ▶ Leverage libraries for equity
- ▶ Ripple Project & Dream Bus
- ▶ Continue to reduce barriers to library use



DCLS - Dream Bus Service

- ▶ Owl Creek Bookmobile pilot
- ▶ Madison Public Library Foundation support
- ▶ Goodman Foundation funding
- ▶ Est. 2019; pivoted with Covid
- ▶ 21 weekly stops - Madison & Sun Prairie
- ▶ Library cards, checkout, returns, holds

Sandburg Elem East Madison Cmty Ctr Kennedy Hts

Theresa Terrace Elver Park Meadowlands Apts

Rolling Prairie Apts

Mann Carey Elem

Vera Court Cmty Ctr Leopold Elem

Sunshine Place

Creekside Elem

Allied Learning Center

Harmony Apts

The Playing Field

Lussier Family Heritage Center

Westside Elem

Monona Shores Apts

The Element Apts



DCLS - Beyond the Page

- ▶ \$1.5M endowment at Madison Community Foundation
- ▶ NEH grant
- ▶ Humanities programs in DC libraries in perpetuity



Ripple Project

- ▶ 2019 County-wide library planning
- ▶ MOMU with all 19 libraries
- ▶ 2020: county-wide staff training
- ▶ 2021: Regional equity teams begin to meet monthly
- ▶ 2021-2022: library presentations by BIPOC presenters & experts
- ▶ Ripple Intern Program
 - ▶ 4 semesters; 16 weeks
 - ▶ 4 paid interns/semester
 - ▶ 12 interns; 4 working in libraries

DCLS - Organizational Commitment

- ▶ Mission update
 - ▶ Create equity statement/update mission statement
- ▶ Staff training & discussions
 - ▶ Commitment to monthly DEI staff lunches
 - ▶ Staff represent DCLS on regional equity teams
 - ▶ Staff training thru YWCA, Nehemiah, WLA
- ▶ Inclusive staffing & leadership
- ▶ Policy modification to reduce barriers to library use

DCLS - P.I.E. Grant

- ▶ 2026 Partners in Equity Grant
- ▶ Training for staff
- ▶ Workgroup of small, medium and large libraries
- ▶ Restorative Justice approach to lost items
 - ▶ Minimum payment
 - ▶ Attend a program
 - ▶ Bring a friend to get a library card

DCLS - Questions?

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