



Bookmobile

We have officially ended Summer Reading Program. We saw over 500 kids participate and this was without our 100 kids from Out & About in Windsor, who could not attend this year. The summer was topped off by a visit to Cottage Grove Piggly Wiggly from Novel Motion Circus; a great deal of fun was had by kids and adults!

The Bus is at LDV until September 6; it will return to route refreshed on September 9! We appreciate our library patrons who have rolled with our schedule.

Dream Bus

The Dream Bus summer engaged many kids at their summer camps. We registered 39 people for library cards, saw 1,482 kids for maker crafts, and had 2,554 visitors!

Beyond the Page

Planning for October's Banned Book Celebration are under way. The author featured this year, in conjunction with WI Book Festival, is Amanda Jones, author of *That Librarian: the fight against book banning in America*. We are thrilled to have more anticipation this year, with more libraries providing anti-censorship programs and displays.

In September we welcome three new Ripple Interns who will work at Lakeview Branch, Hawthorne Branch and Fitchburg Public Libraries.

IDEA Team

The DEI consultant grants have been extremely successful; in fact all funds have been assigned to 7 libraries who are conducting a variety of work, from staff in-service training, to program audits.

New Library Board Member

We welcome **Lisbeth Solano** as library board member. Lisbeth steps into the vacancy left when Ahmad's term was over.

Staff

We bid farewell to Yaritza Garcia, Dream Bus Maker Intern; thanks to Yaritza for presenting wondering crafting opportunities this summer.

Library staff had the pleasure of having a behind the scenes Zoo tour; we got to visit up close and personal with Ricky the tortoise, Wilma the bison, and Harmon the rhinoceros. We so appreciate our Friday Bookmobile Zoo visits!