

Dane County Library Service

August 2023 Director's Report



Bookmobile

Summer has been busy with crafts and summer reading program registrations. Registrants are at an all-time high – 559 children! Fidget spinners, puppets, and puking eggs are all the rage for prizes; I'll have samples at the Board meeting. The program concludes on August 12.

Dream Bus



The Dream Bus has been a busy place to be this summer, with almost 1,000 visitors in June, alone! Holly Wergin has been a terrific maker-space intern at Dream Bus stops and Parks Alive events.

Amy Winkelman organized a well-attended Think Like a DJ with Martinez White at East Madison Community Center; over 50 people attended and enjoyed music, sharing their

dreams and donuts. DJ M White was also a hit at the Elver Park Parks Alive event.

Sun Prairie has had a full schedule of events attended by the Dream Bus, including Farmers Markets, Juneteenth, Pride Fest and National Night Out.

Staffing

We have had the privilege to works with Addie Lennon and Ros Faulkner, iSchool interns; and Clei Johnson, iSchool practicum student. We could have not attended all our events and routes without them.

Also, a big shout out to Louis Hilson and James Glenn who have been amazing LTEs this summer! They were so flexible when air quality/weather/bus issues made it impossible to go out. They jumped in at a moment's notice when I needed additional help. The kids LOVE them!

This summer has been challenging, as we've had some planned vacations and some medical leaves. This gave me the laser-focus I needed to get my Commercial Driver's License, which I accomplished on July 11. You will occasionally see me behind the wheel of the Bookmobile!