Dane County Library Service

October 2025 Director's Report



Bookmobile & Junior

Fall has been beautiful on the Bookmobile. The weather has been steady and the colors lovely. Routes have been busy, with new people at Dane, Blue Mounds and Brooklyn. The Blooming Grove and Goldenrod Montessori visits have been lively with a younger group of kids.

Junior has been very handy on Tuesdays and Saturdays and well-received by patrons. Mary & Nate had a successful first visit at Mary Lake Montessori in September.

We said goodbye to Library Assistant Emily Baer in early September. I'll be accompanying John on Wednesday and Thursday routes through the end of the year, including the Friday/Saturday rotations. I plan to recruit for this position later this year.

See the Bookmobile schedule.

Dream Bus

Fall Dream Bus routes have been well-received with consistent use – 956 visitors and 17 library cards in September! We added two Sun Prairie stops on Thursdays at Creekside and Westside Elementary Schools.

I'm excited to report that Nic Dupaty has been hired as Library Clerk I-II; he will officially start in this position in January. Nic passed his driving permit test and will be working on driving training with DCLS staff to get his license and drive the Dream Bus!

See the <u>Dream Bus schedule.</u>

Beyond the Page

The current programming is a series called "Rooted in Relationships: native plants, foodways and stewardship" and features three presentations held at various Dane County libraries:

~Indigenous Foodways in the Great Lakes Region with Wild Bearies

~Ho Chunk Crafts & Foods with Kimberly Crowley

~Ukwakhwa: Hands-On Corn Pounding and Haudenosaunee Foodways