

Director's Report September 2020

Meetings and Visits

I continue to participate in the weekly system directors meetings hosted by DPI staff with a focus on COVID-19.

“The Division for Libraries and Technology (DLT) reached out to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for guidance on the handling and circulation of library materials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon review of the guidance provided by the State Library of Oregon, advice from the experts at the Oregon Health Authority, and review of the REALM test results, Wisconsin DHS agreed with the Oregon Health Authority’s interpretation that a 24-hour quarantine time would be sufficient as a precautionary measure. DLT acknowledges that these recommendations are intended to assist libraries in making local decisions about handling and circulating materials safely. Regional and local conditions should be taken into account when considering changes to current materials handling and delivery practices.”

As a follow up to the announcement, SCLS staff and library directors met to discuss next steps. The results will be shared at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

The coordinators and I continue to meet as a group along with attending the regular library directors meetings.

I completed my list of annual visits by video chatting with the library directors at Middleton and Adams County.

Corey Baumann and I visited the Sun Prairie Library to provide input on their new drive up window.

I attended both the ILS and Technology Committee meetings. Both committees recommended allowing a vote on the use of their contingencies at the November All Directors meeting.

I attended the Delivery meeting followed by a webinar on quarantining materials processes and timing.

Kerrie Goeden and I met with representatives of First Business Bank to review the SCLS portfolio.

SCLS Re-Opening Plan

The plan was revised slightly and reposted. SCLS staff will no longer need a supervisor’s permission to work in the office. They will still be required to complete the COVID-19 calendar.

Building Needs Assessment Work Group (BNAW)

Keller, Inc. met with the BNAW Work Group. They are conducting tours of both SCLS facilities and holding “discovery meetings” with the SCLS teams: administration; ILS; Technology; delivery and consultants.

Foundation (SCLSF)

The SCLS Foundation will meet following the October board meeting. I met with the First Business Bank Vice President to review our portfolio’s 3rd quarter performance.

Good News

My public librarian certificate was renewed and signed by Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent for another 5 years.

Respectfully submitted by,

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