

# Director's Report

## *December 2024*

### **Staff Activities**

The SCLS website migration is complete. Thanks to our amazing technology staff, it was a smooth transition.

Management staff are currently completing performance evaluations on all staff. Reviews are due by December 31, and we are on pace to meet that deadline.

We have scheduled the next staff safety training session for Friday, January 24. This 4-hour session will focus on first aid, CPR, and AED (defibrillator) training. Nine staff members will participate in the training.

A number of groups have used our meeting space this year, most recently including the staff from the Waunakee Public Library, staff from the Verona Public Library, and the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium Statewide Delivery Workgroup. We are glad that our space is being utilized by the public library community.

Our staff holiday party was a huge success! We had a cookie exchange, an ugly sweater contest, and played games. We are grateful to the staff engagement committee for their party planning prowess!



### **Our Member Libraries**

#### ***New Glarus Public Library***

Big things are happening in New Glarus. Having received the \$4.25M federal grant for a new building, they are full steam ahead. They have already identified the location of the new library and have hired OPN Architects out of Madison to design their library. For now, they continue to offer some great programming, such as a Dungeons & Dragons Club for middle school aged children and Read with Ripley for kids. Ripley is a therapy dog who likes to attend story times.

### ***Mount Horeb Public Library***

Mount Horeb Public Library is a valuable asset to the community. Their materials checkouts has continue to rise each year since the pandemic. They sheltered 600 children from the school during an emergency evacuation—an unsettling but important role the library played during that crisis. They continue to work toward improvements at the library, including wage increases and facility repairs.

### ***Lakeview Library, a Madison Public Library Branch***

The community loves Lakeview Library. A patron recently (when the weather was a bit warmer!) showed up and washed all of the library's windows on their own initiative, which was a well-received donation of the person's time and resources. The library struggles with storage space and are trying to figure out a way to continue with their Friends of the Library book sales without having to store a lot of books. They came up with a creative solution of coordinating a book donations drive right at the book sale so that they could turn around and sell the books without having to store them. Very clever!

**Respectfully submitted by,**

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