

Director's Report

June 2024

Meetings and Visits

I participated in the last round of ILS (online catalog) evaluations. The ILS Committee and ILS Evaluation Lead Workgroup will continue with evaluations over the summer, including meeting with vendors at the ALA (American Library Association) conference next week. If members decide to change the ILS, it would likely take place in 2026.

The WPLC (Wisconsin Public Library Consortium) Board approved an increase in delivery fees to offset the elimination of the \$75,000 LSTA grant used to reduce the cost of delivery service to all public library systems. I presented the need for this increase first to the WPLC Delivery Workgroup in that group's first convening. They then recommended the increase to the WPLC Board, who approved it after some discussion.

I attended the Sun Prairie Public Library Board's June meeting to present an overview of SCLS services and structure at the director's request. This library just held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate its upcoming expansion. The Board was very pleased with the turnout at the groundbreaking and the support of the community. They have been working diligently on this plan for the past six years.

I am currently assisting Hutchinson Memorial Library in Randolph with their director search. We conducted interviews of candidates earlier this week.

I continue with my site visits to libraries and with my portion of our orientations to new directors.

To date, I have met individually with more than 65% of SCLS staff, which puts me easily on pace to achieve my goal of meeting with at least 80% of staff by the SCLS Board's August meeting.

Facility

Libraries continue to visit the Pankratz building! Most recently, we conducted a tour for the staff at Reedsburg Public Library. Reedsburg is a dynamic, well run, and well supported library in need of much more space. Staff have been touring various new and renovated library spaces, including ours.

Personnel

Upon discussion with staff, we are currently developing safety and emergency preparedness training. This will include CPR, first aid, and AED training; evacuation and tornado drills; fire extinguisher training and practice; and workplace violence preparedness, among other activities. Sessions will be set to accommodate both HQ and delivery staff.

Good News

The Hamon Room dedication was a great success. Many past employees and supporters of SCLS were in attendance to honor Peter Hamon, both physically and virtually. We had a full house!

Respectfully submitted by,

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