

## **Director's Report**

### **June 2017**

#### **Meetings and Visits**

I conducted an orientation with the new Rock Springs Library Director, Katie Schofield. She is from the Reedsburg area.

The Madison Public Library Board of Trustees approved and signed their 3 agreements with SCLS.

I am chairing a committee to review member 2018 purchases of electronic magazines. It is called the Flipster Work Group but it will be reviewing several magazine vendors in addition to Flipster.

The coordinators and I met to continue work on the Employee Handbook, prepare for the July All Directors meeting and the PLSR Steering Committee retreat.

I met with Kurt Kiefer, Assistant State Superintendent Division for Libraries and Technology, and Cara Cavin, COLAND chair, to receive orientation to the council. Later that week I attended my first COLAND meeting as a member. It was held at the Milwaukee Public Library.

The July All Directors meeting will take place at the Kilbourn Public Library in the Wisconsin Dells to vote on 2018 fees.

#### **PLSR (Public Library System Redesign)**

The SCLS survey results and cover letter were sent to the PLSR Steering Committee. They sent a written reply. It is part of the board packet of information. They did not request any follow up.

The PLSR Steering Committee met on July 12 and 13 in Oshkosh for a retreat. I and other system directors attended on the 12<sup>th</sup> to share our thoughts on the project. Knowing that the system directors would only have 75 minutes to talk with the steering committee at the retreat, I organized a phone meeting between the system directors to work on creating consensual statements to share with the Steering Committee at their retreat. This helped to make our limited time productive and resulted in detailed questioning by the committee and some firm commitments to implement changes to include all system directors moving forward in the process. It was agreed that well-informed system directors can be the best advocates for PLSR. Overall the feeling after the retreat was positive and felt that inroads on better communication occurred.

#### **SCLS Foundation**

The Foundation will meet July 27 after the SCLS Board meeting.

#### **Good News**

Jean Anderson and SCLS presented a workshop on July 18 with Madison Public Library about transforming people into books that can be checked out. It was well received, well attended and just generally a cool idea. Confused about how to transform yourself into a book? Click here for more information and a trailer.

<http://scls.typepad.com/programs/2017/07/real-life-library-an-interactive-experience-that-transforms-people-into-books.html>

Respectfully submitted by,

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