

## **Director's Report March 2014**

### **Meetings and Visits**

The coordinators met on April 1 and worked on the details of implementing a new suggestions button on the web page. This will give library staff members another venue for submitting their ideas to SCLS. Based on the subject, the suggestions will go to the Library Innovations subcommittee or directly to an individual for review.

Carol Froistad, Madison Public Library Community Services Manager, retired on April 3. I attended her reception on the same day and wished her success in her new life adventures.

I met with DPI staff on April 4 to receive some training as a public library administration consultant.

I attended a gallery opening at the newly renovated Milwaukee Road train station hosted by Delta Properties, our Delivery landlords.

The April 15 coordinator meeting was dedicated to preparing for the May All Directors meeting. The meeting will focus on discussing 2015 budget scenarios with members. The SCLS coordinators and I have been working on the 2015 budget proposals. I spoke with the Director and Business manager at Madison Public Library about their 2015 Resource Library contracts. We are planning on keeping the contract prices the same as 2014.

I attended the April 15 Black Earth Board of Trustees meeting to present information about the SCLS Foundation's rate of return. Black Earth is a member of the foundation.

Vicki Teal Lovely and I met with Sue Cantrell, Director of the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System, and her technology manager to discuss how SCLS provides technology services to its members.

The Administrative Council approved the new cost formula for 2015.

### **Strategic Plan**

The latest draft of the strategic plan is included in your packet this month. Please review it and be prepared to discuss it at this month's meeting. It is the work of Jennifer Harrington, Janet Pugh and Martha Van Pelt.

### **SCLS Policy Reconsideration Process**

As one of the final items on the governance review to do list, SCLS staff has drafted a formal procedure for members requesting to have a SCLS policy reviewed. It is included in your packet this month. Please review it and be prepared to discuss it at this month's meeting.

### **Good News**

Andrew Hoks, SCLS PC & Server Support Specialist, and his wife welcomed their first child, Sylvia Regina Hoks to the world on March 31.

Respectfully submitted by,

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