

Director's Report November 2014

Meetings and Visits

I had a good time being interviewed on the CW television program "Talk of the Town." A link to the segment can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XR08e2fOJ5Q>. They have asked me to be a regular guest on the program. I will work with the host, Justin Riley, to work out a monthly schedule.

I attended the Sauk County Library Board and Library Directors meetings in November.

Kerrie Goeden and I met with the Hausmann/Johnson Insurance representative to put together a request for cyber security insurance. At the meeting, we were happy to find out that our 2015 liability insurances rates would be lower than our 2014 rates.

On my birthday, December 3, a team from Delivery and I met with a team from the UW to discuss the Delivery contract. It was a lovely gift that the final contract details were negotiated and a signed contract was delivered to me the next day.

On December 4, I drove to Wisconsin Rapids to speak at Ron McCabe's Retirement Gala. Several speakers, including the Library Board President, spoke of SCLS and its great service and support of the McMillan Memorial Public Library.

I attended the Delivery Committee meeting where we worked on a customer survey to be sent out in early January to the members.

The Coordinators and I met to work on the SCLS hiring process, response to Jefferson County and a round-up of the year end projects.

COLAND met with the Lean Work Group on December 5. SCLS sent a letter in advance of the meeting to be shared with both groups. After the meeting, the Chair of COLAND sent me an email. I have included both in your board packets.

Foundation

The 2014 Cornerstone Event was a success. More library directors attended this year than in the last few years. The 3 new awards helped to increase attendance. The venue was well organized and provided good food and service. The Cornerstone has raised over \$13,000 so far this year.

Personnel

SCLS System Support Specialist, Cindy Weber, will be filling the position vacancy created by Joanna Jordan's resignation. The vacancy created by Cindy's move will be filled after a review and investigation into the department's future needs.

Good News

SCLS received approval of its 2015 annual system plan by DPI. Related to its approval, we have received our first payment of state aid, \$ 1,543,025, for 2015. A happy and healthy new year to everyone.

Respectfully submitted by,

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