



September 2015 Report

Presented at the October 13, 2015 Library Board Meeting

1. STATISTICS

Circulation:	Adult	YA	Juv.	Total	Year to Date
2015	33,265	3,469	21,940	58,674	554,168
2014	32,703	3,517	20,187	56,407	551,901
2013	35,418	3,649	21,215	60,282	590,864
2012	33,484	5,061	19,846	58,391	592,144
(2014/2015) +/-				(+4%)	(-1.25%)

Self-Service checkouts:

	ITG	ITG #2	ITG #3	Total	of total
2015	12,616	6,466	8,295	27,377	46.7%
2014	10,992	7,363	7,783	26,138	46.3%
2013	11,980	10,635	3,890	26,505	44%
2012	11,458	9,876	4,029	25,363	43.4%

Library cards issued:	Adult	Juveniles	Seniors	Organizations	Total
2015	99	124	7	0	230
2014	132	74	5	0	212
2013	89	32	2	4	127
2012	87	34	6	3	130

LINK holds:

	# Loaned to other LINK libraries	# Borrowed from other Lib.
2015	19,454	18,723
2014	20,677	17,844
2013	17,162	17,524

Miscellaneous:	ILL	Visits	Study rooms use
2015	55	29,005	499.75 hrs / 335 bookings
2014	55	28,519	491.25 hrs / 375 bookings
2013	55	27,957	543 hrs / 372 bookings

	Fax:	PC Use	Printed sides	WIFI-Walk-in
2015	61 users 192 pg sent	9,995 / 10,200 hrs	8,336 / 666 color	4,743
2014	75 users 237 pg sent	8,440 / 2,532 hrs	9,128 / 201 color	576
2013	77 users 217 pg sent	7,814 / 2,478 hrs	6,771 / 288 color	584

2. LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Program	Attendance
9/1/2015	Tuesday Tunes-day! : Demonstrator, Carolyn Cantrell (Kindermusik)	92
9/1/2015	Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
9/1/2015	DIY Corner: Sept. Transportation Month (DIY) : Demonstrator, Sally	20
9/2/2015	Instagram 101 : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	16
9/2/2015	Middleton Library Fantasy Football League Draft : Demonstrator, Jason Boak	18
9/3/2015	Robot Building: Lego Mindstorms : Demonstrator, Rebecca V. 	12
9/4/2015	Acts of Kindness Club : Demonstrator, Amanda	10
9/8/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	18
9/8/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	34
9/9/2015	Baby & Tiny Tots Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	28
9/9/2015	All Ages Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	38
9/9/2015	Fundamentals of Alignment Yoga, part 1 : Demonstrator, Linda Mundt	25
9/10/2015	Film Screening: Ballet 422 : Demonstrator, Jim, Jamie Vache from Pinney Branch	65
9/10/2015	Let's Talk About Texts: Daytripper by Fabio Moon and Gabriel Ba : Demonstrator, Jim and Rebecca L	8
9/10/2015	StoryTime - All Ages : Demonstrator, Lori	36
9/10/2015	StoryTime - Baby & Tiny Tots : Demonstrator, Lori	30
9/10/2015	Outreach Visist - La Petite Gammon : Demonstrator, Amy	13
9/11/2015	Bilingual Spanish & English Storytine : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	28
9/12/2015	Outreach Visit - Middleton Outreach Ministry : Demonstrator, Amy	41
9/14/2015	Outreach - MOM Backpack Giveaway Summary : Demonstrator, Amy	38
9/14/2015	Teen Advisory Committee : Demonstrator, Rebecca	8
9/15/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	30
9/15/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	38
9/15/2015	Tech Tuesday : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	5
9/15/2015	Getting to Know Medicare : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement	14

	<i>Classroom</i>	
9/15/2015	Tech Tuesday - Game Development : Demonstrator, Brian Miles, eval by RL	5
9/16/2015	Creative Writing Group : Demonstrator, Kathy Steffen	9
9/16/2015	Fundamentals of Alignment Yoga, Part 2 : Demonstrator, Linda Mundt	21
9/16/2015	Outreach Visit - La Petite Fourier : Demonstrator, Amy	17
9/16/2015	Outreach Visit - Arbor Lakes Apartments : Demonstrator, Amy	10
9/17/2015	Teen Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Sam, RL	2
9/17/2015	StoryTime - Tales & Tunes : Demonstrator, Lori	38
9/17/2015	StoryTime - Baby & Tiny Tots : Demonstrator, Lori	44
9/17/2015	Outreach Visit - Middleton Outreach Visit : Demonstrator, Amy	29
9/17/2015	Adult Book Discussion : Demonstrator, Jenny Carr	26
9/17/2015	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens : Demonstrator, Ian Mullen 	8
9/18/2015	Bilingual Spanish & English Storytime : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	23
9/19/2015	PAWS to Read : Demonstrator, 3 dogs, 3 handlers	33
9/21/2015	Planning for Nursing Care and Final Expenses : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement Classroom	6
9/22/2015	Tech Tuesday : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	8
9/22/2015	Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
9/22/2015	Toddler Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda (sub for Lori)	28
9/22/2015	Toddler Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda (sub for Lori)	44
9/22/2015	Outreach Visit - Lunch Bunch @ Kromrey : Demonstrator, Amy	42
9/23/2015	Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	43
9/23/2015	Tales and Tunes All Ages Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	26
9/23/2015	Pie & Politics: Food for Thought Book Discussion : Demonstrator, Rebecca	1
9/23/2015	Fundamentals of Alignment Yoga, Part 3 : Demonstrator, Linda Mundt	18
9/24/2015	Outreach Visit - West Middleton Elementary 4K morning class : Demonstrator, Amy	14
9/24/2015	Outreach Visit - West Middleton Elementary 4K afternoon class : Demonstrator, Amy	16

9/24/2015	Baby and Tiny Tot story time : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
9/24/2015	tales and tunes all ages : Demonstrator, Betsy	18
9/24/2015	Pay Less for College : Demonstrator, Robert Decock	27
9/24/2015	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens : Demonstrator, Ian Mullen	8
9/25/2015	Cupcake Wars : Demonstrator, Rebecca V. 	50
9/25/2015	Explore Poetry : Demonstrator, Marla Maeder (volunteer), Amanda	3
9/25/2015	Up Close and Personal with Snakes : Demonstrator, Amy	88
9/25/2015	Bilingual Spanish & English Storytime : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	15
9/25/2015	Video Calling Workshop : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	19
9/26/2015	Young Entrepreneurs Sampler Event : Demonstrator, Amanda, Julie Wood, Angie Peltzer	28
9/27/2015	Chess Club : Demonstrator, Brad Phillips	19
9/28/2015	Monday Mayhem: Dinosaurs : Demonstrator, Amanda, Jane Donovan (volunteer)	11
9/28/2015	Read It and Eat : Demonstrator, Amanda	23
9/28/2015	Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Visits - Elm Lawn : Demonstrator, Amy Perry, Lori Bell, Amanda Struckmeyer, Brendan Faherty, circ staff	118
9/29/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	36
9/29/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	26
9/29/2015	Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
9/29/2015	Outreach Visit - Youth Center : Demonstrator, Amy & Therese Maring	40
9/29/2015	How to Write a College Application Essay : Demonstrator, Stephanie Larson, UW Writing Center	19
9/29/2015	Tech Tuesday : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	10
9/30/2015	Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	41
9/30/2015	Communication Innovations Special Edition Storytime : Demonstrator, Communication Innovations Therapists	34
9/30/2015	An Evening of Classical Indian Music with Vanitha Suresh : Demonstrator, Vanitha Suresh, Nanjundamurthy Venkatasubbu, Sanjay Suresh	107

	Number of Programs / Total Attendance	
	Children's	43 / 1341
	Teens	10 / 164
	Adults	20 / 454
	Grand Total	73 / 1959
	DIY/Passive Program Total	1 / 20

3. LIBRARY EXHIBITS AND SPECIAL GUESTS



David Carpenter



Sandra Haspl



Performing Arts Center


4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT: MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, & CONTINUING EDU.

Date	Staff	Title
9/1/2015	Pamela	<u>Finance Committee Meeting</u>
9/2/2015	Pamela	<u>Library Development & Legislation Committee - Legislative Day planning</u>
9/9/2015	Sarah H.	<u>SCLS Collection Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting</u>

9/10/2015	Pamela	Finance Committee Meeting
9/11/2015	Jason	SCLS Social Services Symposium
9/15/2015	Rebecca V.	UW Writing Center program planning
9/15/2015	Pamela	Finance Committee Meeting
9/15/2015	Pamela	City Council Meeting
9/21/2015	Pamela and Brendan	Recarpeting Planning Meeting
9/22/2015	Amanda Struckmeyer	YSS Webinar: Collection Connection
9/28/2015	Amanda Struckmeyer	Meeting with SLIS Student Rebecca Pettyjohn
9/29/2015	Sarah H., Jason	Acquisitions 1: Setup, Funds and Vendors
9/30/2015	Sarah H.	collectionHQ Phone Conference with Norene

5. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology



Minor updates were done to our circulating tablet PCs, such as persistent time-syncing when powered up and Internet connected, needed when the battery is totally drained and web cookie/security certificates are time affected. The PCs in studyrooms have also been upgraded to our latest image version, which allows for very easy pushing of system, application and plug-in updates.

Our booklist service, BookLetters, has been improved to allow patrons to sign up for email subscriptions of various book type lists. Initial work is being done to integrate our Drupal based youth & teen services web pages to our current DNN content management service used on the rest of our website; including program/event management.

Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services



We started September off with Lego Mindstorm Robot-Building—I was a bit nervous as I am not an expert, but the teens loved figuring everything out and had a great time! We also started a new Dungeons and Dragons session this month with a teen presenter who was thrilled to be asked to run it. The Cupcake Wars program was a huge success with many requests for a repeat program soon and our judges from Bloom Bake Shop did a great job of making everyone feel good about their baking efforts. We finished the month with a speaker on writing College Application Essays, which was very helpful to students struggling with the essays. Sally has been preparing for King Size Cross Stitch and brought in a great eye-catching example. She has also made some beautiful posters to advertise our upcoming programs.

This month we also drew up the Friends programming fund request for 2016, met with presenters to discuss upcoming programs, sent the Nov-Dec YS fliers out for printing, and sent out publicity for Oct-Nov. events. We prepared a weeding report and did a preliminary weeding of teen hardcover fiction, though space remains tight even after aggressive weeding. We also sent email reminders to Tech Tuesday participants and for other teen programs, downloaded the Teen Kindles with our fall discussion titles, and sent our Help Desk chair out for repair and our circle rug out for cleaning. Amy and I sent out a job ad for the LA II-YS Sub position and interviewed candidates. I trained one new teen volunteer, reached out to the Key Club and Youth Center regarding helping with the Haunted Library and to a number of high school organizations regarding our upcoming Young Entrepreneurs program.

Displays: Back to School, Robots & the Future, Horror

Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services



We added more new items this month than in August, but it was still a fairly low-volume month due in part to an ordering schedule adjusted to accommodate staff vacations. Jason trained Jennie V. on unpacking, prepping, and routing new materials, and her help in these tasks was greatly appreciated this month.

In Technical Services staff's contribution to library programming, Jason hosted the library's fantasy football league draft and I worked with Rebecca L. to prepare for our October adult craft program. We'll be making cross-stitch buttons. I picked out supplies, created step-by-step instruction packets (with pictures!), and placed holds on a bunch of cross-stitch books so our crafters can get ideas and find motifs. Rebecca L. created fabulous publicity materials as always, and we're very much looking forward to the event.

Jason and I attended a variety of meetings this month. I attended the SCLS Collection Maintenance Subcommittee meeting and met via phone conference with Norene, our collectionHQ rep. Jason and I both attended a webinar on GetIt, Koha's acquisitions module, to determine where the software is at and if we should consider using it. Finally, Jason attended the SCLS Social Services Symposium, which provided valuable information on serving the homeless and other vulnerable populations and which counts toward his LSCC re-certification.

Amanda Struckmeyer, Youth Services Librarian



Our fall programming began this month; highlights included our first-ever Acts of Kindness Club meeting, a poetry workshop on an MCPASD inservice day, a Young Entrepreneurs lead-up event, and the first Read It and Eat Book Club meeting of the school year. Our Acts of Kindness Club was well-attended, and the group is excited to organize a winter clothing drive. We had initially planned to meet every other month, but due to the enthusiastic response, we'll be meeting once per month beginning in November. Tech Tuesdays, presented by Brian Miles, kicked off this month, and we're thrilled to be offering this popular, innovative program throughout the school year.

This month's collection development was focused on 'tween nonfiction. Using reports generated by Collection HQ, as well as examining the collection for condition, we were able to remove many outdated items. Weeding is beneficial for a variety of reasons, and our nonfiction shelves are already looking more inviting! I attended a WLA webinar about collection maintenance, and this presentation really inspired me to do a thorough job.

Our Katie's Kids visits began this month; having the second graders visit the library is really valuable for everyone—especially the kids!

I was accepted into an online program called Supercharged Storytimes, which is a no-cost course designed to help librarians increase the early literacy value of their storytimes. I'm looking forward to enhancing my storytimes with the skills I gain through this program!

Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services



After a lull in adult programming during the month of August, we resumed our usual, high-volume programming schedule in September. In all, we held 14 programs this month, including two book discussions, two technology classes, and a very successful musical performance that drew over 100 people. I've also spent a lot of time this month planning for early-to-mid-2016 programs, sending queries to presenters, and finalizing dates and times. The next two months will continue to be very busy before things slow down a bit during the holidays.

Jenny, Rebecca, and I spent a lot of time preparing for the library's first ever Indie Author book fest entitled "Read Local." The mini book festival, scheduled for October 3rd, is the result of months of planning by Jenny. The event was funded by a grant from the Beyond the Page and is a partnership with the Wisconsin Book Festival and the Madison Public Library.

We introduced a new browsing collection this month, the New & Notable paperbacks, which are shelved near the Reader's Choice Table, just past the new books. As stated in previous reports, the purpose of this collection is to increase circulation by giving our patrons access to new and interesting trade paperbacks, similar to the table displays used by Barnes & Noble. The collection includes bestsellers, former bestsellers, NY Times notable books, movie tie-ins, and reading group favorites. The location is a bit more out-of-the-way than I had hoped, but we decided to try the collection in that spot and reevaluate it in a few months.

In other collection news, I completed my weed of the 300s in Adult non-fiction this month. This is a large section that includes many subject areas (social issues, politics, economics, law, true crime, education, etc.) so it typically needs to be weeded at least once every 18 months. Before the end of this year, I hope to complete weeding projects in other areas in which we're

running out of room, notably the 640s and 970s. Two years ago, we began logging the date each weeding project is completed on a spreadsheet on our shared drive. Having a record of weeding activity will help us to remain on task and to identify areas that may need extra attention.

After several months of hiring and training new reference desk staff, I'm happy to report that we are at full strength. Having Jenny S, Trevor, and Carmella work regular shifts on the desk has given our other staff much-needed time off of the desk to plan and coordinate an increasing number of programs, outreach efforts, and multi-library collaborations. All members of our reference team, both full and part-time, continue to provide a high level of service to our patrons. In fact, Kelsey McCarthy, a Page II who fills in occasionally, received an enthusiastic compliment from a patron this month for help she provided in locating and navigating an online database. We're very lucky indeed to have such talented staff members at our reference desk.

In the middle of this month, I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Beyond the Page Oversight Committee where I was re-elected as committee chair. The Oversight Committee, which evaluates proposals for humanities programs and awards grants, will decide this December which of the applicants will receive over \$25,000 in funding from the Beyond the Page Endowment. My work on this committee has given me great insight into the entire grant-making process. Additionally, the collaborative nature of committee work has led to many partnerships and programs with other Dane County libraries that we may have otherwise missed out on.

Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation



Fall has arrived in the Circulation Department, and with it, an increase in volume as parents, teachers, and students get back to the routines of the school year. We saw a lull at the

beginning of the month, but circulation totals rebounded nicely later in September, with consecutive weeks of over 10,000 items checked out. Self-check usage remains steady at nearly 60%, which allows circulation staff the time to process materials (both incoming and outgoing) more efficiently and complete other circulation-related tasks on a regular basis. Our new Page Is and Page IIs in Circulation have been getting acclimated to the daily routines and procedures associated with their positions. For most of the tasks, repetition is the key to long-term success, so the more they are here, the more familiar and comfortable they all are with their jobs.

The CD of the Month Club saw a major uptick in membership in September, adding five new members. During the month, we invited patrons to add a favorite song or artist to the windows of my office, helping us generate a Middleton Public Library Playlist, which I hope will become an annual event. I expect that exposure helped generate the renewed interest in the CD of the Month Club and will work on finding other ways to promote the club moving forward.

We are nearing the end of the planning stages for Wisconsin Library Association's annual conference, held at the Madison Marriott near Greenway Station this year. My co-coordinator and I have scheduled some excellent tours and other events in the area (including the library's November 4th Open House) that should help showcase all that Middleton has to offer visitors.

I am also finishing up the planning for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which will take place on October 22nd. This event provides an opportunity for library staff to recognize the many individuals who help make the library what it is on a daily basis. Without the numerous volunteers who give their time each week, we would not be able to provide the excellent level of service that our patrons have come to expect.

I completed a large weeding project during September of the Large Print collection. Always pressed for space, this collection was in need of a thorough going-over that eliminated many out-of-date and/or duplicate titles. The space saved will allow us room for more face-out displays on the shelves and the chance to add more new sought-after titles to the collection. In addition, I was able to donate many of the weeded titles to the Heritage Senior Living facility. Their program director was glad to be able to add many quality books to their small on-site library.

The Serendipity DVD collection continues to be extremely popular with patrons, and we continue to add titles. With many of the summer blockbuster movies being released on video in the next couple months, that collection will continue to grow, and we have gotten a great response from patrons about the titles we have available so far.

Amy Perry, Outreach and Children's Services Librarian



September has been a quieter outreach month than previous months only because summer programs just ended and the new school year has just started. Even so, it allowed me to reconnect with teachers and prepare for a very busy Fall and Winter outreach schedule. It also allowed me to introduce myself to new educational staff and add outreach service stops to more sites. I have currently added five 4k class visits to my monthly calendar and am in the process of adding two more 4k classroom visits to my calendar as well.

Detailed below is the outreach that was accomplished in September:

COMMUNITY:

- Two visits to the Middleton Outreach Ministry on September 12 and September 17
- First afterschool Arbor Lakes Apartment Complex visit on September 16
- American Family Children's Hospital teacher visit on September 18
- Youth Center visit on September 29: brought books and shared a mango and melon bubble tea program with the teens.

SCHOOL VISITS

- Lunch Bunch book clubs at Kromrey on September 22 – book clubs with 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

- 2nd Graders classes from Elm Lawn Elementary visited the library on September 28 – four classes visited the library as part of the Katie’s Kids program. 43 students received their first library card!

STORYTIMES & STORYTIME VISITS

- Storytime visit at the La Petite Gammon 4k classroom on September 10
- Storytime visit at the La Petite Fourier 4k classroom on September 16
- Two storytime visits to West Middleton 4k am & pm classrooms on September 24

MEETINGS

- Youth Services on September 4
- Read Local event on September 22

OTHER

I interviewed two candidates along with Rebecca Van Dan for the Page II Help Desk Substitute position. In addition to outreach duties, I also did a lot of work on the weekend schedule for 2016 as well as the desk schedules for October and November.

Lastly, I completed weeding of the picture book collection in the children’s area. This was a much needed project that not only created a lot more room in a very crowded section of the library, but also creates a more attractive collection by withdrawing damaged items and items that no longer circulate.



Lori Bell, Children’s Services Librarian

September seemed full of Storytimes! We started the month with a special storytime presenter, licensed Kindermusik Educator Carolyn Cantrell. Attendance at our regularly scheduled storytimes has been through the roof! As a result, Amanda & I have decided to expand out

offerings in November & December.

As September was my first full month back at the library, I spent a good amount of time catching up on all the procedures and protocols of the library as well as on housekeeping matters: getting my desk area set up, tracking down a set of keys, ordering supplies, etc... At the same time, I quickly planned and prepped for our fall storytimes which began on Sept. 8th – only a week and a half after I started!

I attended two library meetings, Library Leaders and Youth Service Staff meeting. Both helped get me up to speed with the current happenings at the library. I also attended two webinars: Demco's Playful Learning Spaces and WLA's YSS Collection Connections. Always looking for new ideas!

We ended the month with the first of our Katy's Kids sponsored 2nd Grade visits to the library. Amy gave a brief presentation in the StoryTime room to each class, and I conducted a tour of the Children's Area including a tutorial on using the Self Service Check Out station. The kids seemed to have a great time, and the 4 classes moved through right on schedule.

Like Amanda, I was also accepted into the SuperCharged StoryTimes program. I too am looking forward to learning new tips & tricks to enhance the early literacy potency of my storytimes.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Facilities:

Keeping the facilities maintained, accessible and functional is a major responsibility for any public library director, but even more so for the library that services nearly 1,000 daily visitors. The infrastructure of the facilities involves many aspects and various systems from air quality equipment to bricks and mortar to the daily cleaning to paint, textiles and carpet, which affects the users' experience.

The library is different from other city departments in that oversight of the facility is a shared responsibility. Some projects, such as light bulb replacements and roof repair are assumed by

Mark Goad. Other projects, such as the recarpeting, cleaning contract with Maintenance of Madison and the landscaping with Bruce Company have fallen on my shoulders. And there are other projects that Mark and I work together on, such as the security system and fire panel repair.

Some projects are less intensive, while others are very intensive. For example, coordinating the staff entrance renovation to make it accessible has required large blocks of my time and energy. In the long term, this model is not sustainable.

Electronic Resources

Over the past month, I've been reviewing usage figures and renewing our contracts for our specialized online research tools and access to electronic professional journals and digital articles. We also looked into an educational online research tool focused on technology competencies. We've signed a contract with Lynda.com, which offers access to video recordings of courses taught by vetted professional instructors on topics of all sorts related to technology. This educational service will provide patrons and staff with the tools to independently improve their skills and prepare themselves for advancement and/or new careers. Lynda.com is a resource that will change the landscape of our technology education.

Media Maker Lab coordinator Brian Miles and I met to evaluate the courses we've offered so far this fall and to discuss goals for 2016.

Administration

We've scheduled the staff departmental meetings for 2016 and booked the meeting rooms for library board meetings, Friends of the Library and staff meetings.

We heard from the family of Catherine Tanner about the future of Katie's Kids. Rob Seltzer, Rebecca Light and I met with Taffy to discuss how to continue the partnership. They are interested in continuing to fund the 2nd grade school to library visits. We are preparing a plaque for the reading nook to honor Catherine. A list of short-term literacy and outreach service goals was also given to the family.

Professional Association

As this year's Vice President/President Elect of the Wisconsin Library Association I am a member of the Finance Committee and the Library Development and Legislation team. Current legislation of particular interest to the library community includes: reducing the **Minimum System Board Size**, allowing library to use third parties for **The Return of Library Materials** and a **Resolution to eliminate the office of State Treasurer via constitutional amendment**

The planning, workload and communication is ramping up as the end of the year approaches and we prepare for the annual meeting in November. It will be a busy, but exciting year. South Central Library System's Jean Anderson was elected as next year's Vice President. I look forward to working with her.

I am also serving on the Wisconsin Library Legislative Day planning committee. This year's event includes a gathering in the Rotunda, with a cast of bi-partisan speakers and plenty of photo ops. The event will also kick-off the public 125th Anniversary Celebration of WLA.

This year's WLA's Annual Conference will be held at the Madison Marriott West, here in Middleton with an anticipated attendance of 800 librarians, trustees and friends.

Community and Outside Relations

In September, we planned for our collaboration with the Middleton Police Department to host a community panel discussion on racial disparity and the justice system.

Librarians who coordinate classes and events constructed their annual request for 2016 Friends of the Middleton Public Library Programming to be presented to the board in October. New this year is an outreach services budget.

Each year right before Bruce Company's Holiday Open House they host a Ladies Night Out event. The event kicks off the Holiday season and their retail floor is fully decorated for the Christmas season. Ladies are invited to come from 5 to 7pm for live music, raffle prizes, yummy holiday treats, and to shop and save with exclusive offers for that night. In efforts to help in our community, they donate 5% of sales from that night to an organization such as the library as well as donate all the money raised from the raffle drawings.

We have been invited to partner with them. The library would receive 5% of the sales in exchange for marketing the event.