

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 20, 2023

I. ADMINISTRATION

- a. One work order was submitted in February.
 - i. Staff member was having difficulty with online staff email application.

II. BUDGET

- a. None.

III. PERSONNEL

- a. None.

IV. LIBRARY COLLECTION

- a. None.

V. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- a. I gave a tour of the library to Rep. Ellen Schutt on Friday, March 3.
- b. I gave an interview to the Whitewater Register about the LGBTQ Teen Movie Night on Monday, March 13.
- c. Sarah and I each received a personal call from Gov. Evers thanking us for holding the LGBTQ+ teen movie night and not being intimidated into canceling it.

VI. LIBRARY BOARD RELATIONS

- a. None.

VII. LIAISING WITH CITY, STATE, COUNTY, AND SYSTEM GROUPS

- a. I attended the Alliance of Public Libraries (APL) meeting and the CAFÉ Council meeting on Friday, March 10. We discussed additional costs for adding a discovery layer to our CAFÉ catalog. Several library directors (including me) talked about how all the technology costs are eating into our budgets and we do not receive more money from our municipalities to offset these costs, often because of levy limits. The least expensive discovery layer option, which is also the worst looking, would be \$557 for us each year. The option that our staff liked the best would be \$1,114 for us each year. We would also expect a 3-5% increase in cost each year. The upgraded CAFÉ app is targeted to go live on May 1st. Many of the upgrades have to do with each individual library being able to make updates to their own version of the app and the ability for patrons to opt-in to push notifications about programs.
- b. I am attending the last part of the City's strategic planning process on Thursday, March 16. Diane attended the first part on Wednesday, March 8 while I was in meetings for the capital campaign.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. I watched a one-hour webinar on Finding the Governance Solution: The Role of Government and Elected Officials at the direction of the City Manager in preparation for a joint meeting of city department heads and the Common Council later this month.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN

- a. We had the first of our LGBTQ youth events on Tuesday, March 7.

X. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- a. I will be updating the Common Council at their meeting on Tuesday, March 21 on our fundraising thus far.