February 2018- Outreach Report- Laurie Kodet

I am working with the library’s outreach and as part of that have joined Angelica Linder, Outreach Coordinator in meeting with community organizations to learn more about possible partnerships. We meet with Laura Tiano, Growing up Healthy; we discussed the possibility of bringing the bookmobile to Tuesdays in Park. Angelica and I attended a cultural diversity workshop presented by Patricia Fenrick from Minnesota Department of Human Services. Patricia is a fantastic presenter who clearly conveyed cultural differences and how our culture guides how we see, act, and react to situations.

Visioning, developing, and scheduling outreach using the book bike and bookmobile have been a priority for me over the past few weeks. The book bike will be present at Riverwalk Market Fair from June thru September. Staff member will take a turn and a storytime will be part of our presence this year. The bookmobile is scheduled for Books & Stars events, Healthy Kids Day and Truck & Tracker night – with more to come.

The new bookmobile arrived on Thursday, February 15th. Steve Maus, Leesa Wisdorf, and I spent the day learning the ins and outs of our new bookmobile. In addition to driving, we took the bus to the Street shop so that Ryan Kiefer (City’s mechanic) could learn the specifics for maintenance. The bookmobile was revealed to the public on February 23rd. The event ran from 10:30-noon, Teresa Jensen, Bill North, Friends & Foundation of Northfield Public Library, and Suzie Nakasain, City Council each spoke and the bus was open for viewing.