

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: January 28, 2021

Greetings and Happy New Year! The following is an update of activities since our last meeting. I would be happy to provide further details at our meeting, or feel free to give me a call, 920-569-2179, or send an email in advance.

Library Status: As we have entered the eleventh month of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the libraries' models for serving the public have stabilized. Nevertheless, the services at each vary greatly across the system. 5 libraries are offering curbside only, 6 are offering limited services by appointment, 14 are allowing greater browsing access to patrons, and 5 have returned to normal services. Each month Winnefox staff host a Check-In allowing library directors and staff to share their concerns, ideas, and questions surrounding COVID-19 policy and more.

Newsletter: You have all been added to the distribution list for a new Winnefox newsletter, Tales from the Fox. This monthly newsletter, created for trustees and legislators, gives an overview of trends, programming, and updates coming from Winnefox libraries.

Library News: There have been several new directors hired on since our last meeting. Amanda O'Neal, former children's librarian at Winneconne PL, has been hired as their director. Previous Redgranite PL director, Deb Sadowski has moved to Plainfield Public Library. Former Oakfield PL Director, Lisa Zwickey has replaced Deb at Redgranite. Preston DeBolt has been promoted from within Coloma Public Library to be their new director.

Endeavor Public Library received a grant from PBS for training and implementation of PBS KIDS' family engagement model. Markesan Public Library is expanding their WiFi beyond their building with the help of a grant through Green Lake Basic Needs Community Foundation. 13 Winnefox staff and librarians are participating in a four-part course on Compassion Resilience, teaching participants how to train others to avoid burnout and cultivate a supportive compassionate culture.

Staff News: Pete Hennes, a Winnefox driver, has resigned.