

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: January 24, 2017

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 or send an email in advance.

2018 Board Meetings: At the last meeting we were requested to schedule three board meetings at libraries other than Oshkosh. I've reserved meeting rooms at these libraries:

- 31 January Oshkosh Public Library
- 28 March Oshkosh Public Library
- 30 May Endeavor Public Library
- 25 July Caestecker Public Library, Green Lake
- 26 September Berlin Public Library
- 28 November Oshkosh Public Library

We were last in Endeavor in 2009 and Berlin in 2012. We were in Green Lake a couple years ago, but they've finished off a new meeting room since then.

Library Legislative Day: Don't forget about Library Legislative Day in Madison, *Tuesday 20 February 2018* at the Madison Concourse Hotel. LLD is an excellent opportunity to talk with legislators directly and encourage their support for programs that improve library services within the state. Registration is easy; the Wisconsin Library Association arranges for appointments with legislators. We encourage anyone who can to attend. You can find more information at: <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/legislative/legislative-day>.

Library Circulation Trends: At the last meeting I was asked about library circulation trends and how they were being affected by the growth of digital items, like ebooks. As you see on the chart and graphs included in your packet, the use of digital items continues to increase and is becoming a significant percentage of items checked out.

Of great concern is the continued decline in the number of items being checked out. Between 2014 and 2017, circulation for Winnefox libraries dropped by 14.5% and increase in Overdrive use has not offset that decline. Directors will be discussing this issue in our county LAC meetings.

Library Director News: Laura Fultz has left Berlin and Chris Kalupa has been hired as the new director.

Staff News: One of our drivers, John Neal, has left.