

**MEMORANDUM:**

**To: Winnefox Library System Trustees**  
**From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director**  
**Subject: Report of System Activities**  
**Date: November 17, 2017**

The following is a list of current activities. Feel free to give me a call or send an email if you have any questions or would like further information.

**2018 Library Funding:** As of this writing all of our counties have adopted their 2018 budgets. Our counties have a history of good support for libraries and this year is no exception; four of our counties are increasing library funding despite the current political and economic conditions. This chart compares 2018 with 2017 county library funding.

	<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>Green Lake</b>	<b>Marquette</b>	<b>Waushara</b>	<b>Winnebago</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018 Library Reimbursement	1,239,170	218,148	135,094	395,111	1,911,598	3,899,121
2018 Major Facility Funding					185,111	185,111
2018 WCTS		58,578	47,201	74,881		180,660
2018 Act 420 payments	90,020	32,349	77,705	39,896	43,924	283,894
2018 Special Project					10,000	10,000
<b>2018 Total Library Funding</b>	<b>1,329,190</b>	<b>309,075</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>509,888</b>	<b>2,150,633</b>	<b>4,558,786</b>
2017 Library Reimbursement	1,208,023	224,004	129,816	383,709	1,886,825	3,832,377
2017 Major Facility Funding					187,656	187,656
2017 WCTS		56,947	45,830	72,762		175,539
2017 Act 420 payments	91,733	30,127	71,362	43,420	42,976	279,618
2017 Special Project					10,000	10,000
<b>2017 Total Library Funding</b>	<b>1,299,756</b>	<b>311,078</b>	<b>247,008</b>	<b>499,891</b>	<b>2,127,457</b>	<b>4,485,190</b>
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments)	2.26%	-0.64%	5.26%	2.00%	1.09%	1.64%
Change in in-county library funding (reimbursement, WCTS, special project, & major facility funding)	2.51%	-1.53%	3.65%	2.88%	1.06%	1.63%

**Legislative Update:** A new library-related bill has been introduced in the Legislature: AB 572 and its partner bill SB 491. The first section of this bill would allow rural and small libraries and systems to apply for and receive TEACH grants to "improve information technology infrastructure in rural libraries and train librarians in rural libraries in the use of educational technology." An example of an eligible project is a grant to purchase a wireless hot spot to check out. The second section would create a new portal for library statistical reports and also an automated system for recording certification CE. Sponsors who represent our area are Rep. Ripp and Sen Olsen.

**Library Legislative Day:** Included in your board packet is information for Library Legislative Day in Madison, scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 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. More information will be posted soon at: <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/legislative/legislative-day>.

**Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Conference:** Most of the sessions I attended at the WLA Conference were updates from the PLSR workgroups. I've prepared a summary for your review.

**Library Director News:** Hannah Klusmeyer has been chosen to be the new director at Wautoma. Jeanne Williamson has accepted the position of director at Poy Sippi; some of you may remember that she was director at Pine River for a time.