

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 22 July 2021

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.

2022 County Funding: The 2022 county funding requests have been submitted to all five counties. Some of the county administrators may make modifications to the requests, otherwise the final local county reimbursement figures will be confirmed in November with the passing of the full county budgets.

2022 System State Funding: In the 2021-2023 Executive Budget recently signed by Governor Evers, library system aid statewide is seeing a 25% increase over the next two years. For Winnefox this translates to a 16% increase in the next year from our previously flat-funded amount of \$944,892 to \$1,092,411. On August 31 Winnefox will host a meeting with the member library directors to discuss how they would like to see the additional \$147,519 spent in 2022. Current ideas include marketing staff and competitive grants for libraries.

Library News: Lisa Zwickey was hired at the Poy Sippi Public Library following the retirement of Jeanne Williamson. Lisa left the Redgranite Library; Jean Nelson, past retired director, will serve as interim until a new director is hired. Anna Dinkel was hired as the new director of the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library in Westfield. At the end of month, Julia Metcalf, from the Oxford Public Library, will retire; Chris Meyers, current director of Endeavor Public Library, will take over at Oxford.