

## **MEMORANDUM:**

**To:** Winnefox Library System Trustees  
**From:** Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Report of System activities  
**Date:** 21 September 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.

**Wisconsin Library Association Conference:** The WLA Conference will be held in person this year, November 16-19<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency & KI Convention Center in Green Bay. This year's theme is *Back on Track & Moving Forward*. It will be an opportunity to meet the newly hired Wisconsin Library Association Executive Director, Laura Sauser and attend numerous sessions that might be interest to trustees. You can find more information on the WLA site [WLA Annual Conference \(wisconsinlibraries.org\)](http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org)

Deb Sadowski, director of Plainfield Library, was awarded the WLAF Gloria Hoegh Memorial Fund for Rural Librarians Continuing Education Scholarship, which will cover the cost of her attendance and stay at the WLA Conference.

**Grants:** Winnefox received LSTA grant funding to sponsor continuing education opportunities and Joy Schwarz is facilitating three grant cycles to distribute the funds between now and next summer. More information can be found here: [CE Scholarship Fund 2021-2022 | Winnefox Extranet](#)

Princeton Public Library and Patterson Memorial Public Library in Wild Rose both received grants to digitize local history. Princeton's was \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Humanities Recovery program and Patterson Memorial's was through WiLS.

Poy Sippi Public Library received \$660 from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin for programming.

**Winnefox News:** Winnefox van driver Jack Starrett passed away earlier this month. He worked for Winnefox for 7 years.

Kathy Rohlwing has been hired as a new ILL page/sorter.

Cindy Wallace, Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services Program Coordinator, has announced her impending retirement at the end of the year. Cindy has worked for the WCTS office for over 40 years and will be greatly missed.

**Library News:** Jeannie McBeth has been hired as the new director at the Redgranite Public Library. Whitney Parrillo has been hired as the new Endeavor Public Library. Both Jeannie and Whitney come with library experience.

Brandon Public Library met their original fundraising goal of \$500,000 and are now working on next steps for their planned remodel.

To: Winnefox Library System Board of Trustees  
Winnefox library directors  
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director  
Re: Library reimbursement across county lines  
Date: 21 September 2021

Now that billing for the 2022 budget year is done, I am able to make a report showing which libraries are billing and how much Winnefox counties are being billed.

Twenty-six of our member libraries have chosen to bill adjacent counties, one more than last year. Due to the radically different circulation statistics and cost-per-circs libraries experienced in 2020, some libraries experienced greater swings when it came to ACT 420 funding. Additionally, in some cases libraries are not billing every county they are entitled to.

- Fond du Lac County Libraries will receive a total of \$71,635 compared to \$76,250 last year.
  - Brandon is billing Green Lake, and Calumet counties for \$2,311.
  - Campbellsport is billing Sheboygan and Winnebago counties for \$4,058.
  - Fond du Lac is billing Calumet, Dodge, Green Lake, Sheboygan, & Winnebago counties for \$ 19,758.
  - North Fond du Lac is billing Winnebago and Calumet counties for \$2,514.
  - Oakfield is billing Winnebago & Dodge counties for \$107.
  - Ripon is billing Dodge, Green Lake, & Winnebago counties for \$42,887

Some of these libraries may also be billing Washington County, which does not accept billing sent through the System.

- Green Lake County Libraries will receive a total of \$46,203, down from \$55,159 last year.
  - Berlin is billing Fond du Lac, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for a total of \$22,364. Because the City of Berlin lies partially in Waushara County they will be receiving reimbursement of \$29,851 from them under Act 150, not Act 420, and this amount is not included in the county total above.
  - Green Lake is billing Fond du Lac, Marquette, Waushara, & Winnebago counties for a total of \$4,209.
  - Kingston is billing Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for \$4,764
  - Markesan is billing Fond du Lac, Waushara, & Winnebago counties for \$934
  - Princeton is billing Columbia, Fond du Lac, Marquette, Waushara, & Winnebago counties for \$14,611.

- Marquette County Libraries will receive a total of \$7,089, up from \$4,729 last year.
  - Montello is billing Columbia, Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$1,490
  - Neshkoro is billing Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$4,011
  - Oxford is billing Green Lake County for \$60
  - Westfield is billing Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$1,616
  
- Waushara County Libraries will receive a total of \$17,763, compared to \$18,734 last year.
  - Coloma is billing Marquette County for \$7,372
  - Plainfield is billing Marquette County for \$63.
  - Pine River is billing Winnebago County for \$98.
  - Redgranite is billing Marquette & Winnebago counties for \$774.
  - Wautoma is billing Green Lake, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for \$8,907
  - Wild Rose is billing Winnebago County for \$549.
  
- Winnebago County Libraries will receive a total of \$65,827, down from \$71,281 last year.
  - Menasha is billing Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Waushara counties for \$739
  - Neenah is billing Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, & Waushara counties for \$29,648
  - Omro is billing Fond du Lac & Waushara counties for \$1,802
  - Oshkosh is billing Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, & Waushara Counties for \$33,070
  - Winneconne is billing Fond du Lac & Waushara counties for \$568.

Because the City of Menasha lies partially in Calumet County they will be receiving reimbursement of \$105,352 from them under Act 150, not Act 420, and this amount is not included in the county total above.

All of our member counties are being billed by libraries in adjacent counties:

- Fond du Lac County is being billed a total of \$107,705, down from \$117,116 last year, by these libraries:
  - Calumet Co. libraries
    - Brillion, Chilton, Kiel, & New Holstein
  - Dodge Co. libraries
    - Beaver Dam, Brownsville, Fox Lake, Horicon, Juneau, Lomira, and Mayville

- Green Lake Co. libraries
  - Berlin, Green Lake, Kingston, Markesan, & Princeton
- Sheboygan Co. libraries
  - Elkhart Lake, Kohler, Plymouth, Sheboygan, & Sheboygan Falls
- Washington Co. libraries
  - Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum & West Bend
- Winnebago Co. libraries
  - Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh & Winneconne
- Green Lake County is being billed a total of \$38,017, up from \$36,427 last year, by these libraries:
  - Columbia Co. libraries
    - Cambria, Pardeeville, Portage, & Randolph
  - Dodge Co. libraries
    - Beaver Dam, Fox Lake & Waupun
  - Fond du Lac Co. libraries
    - Brandon, Fond du Lac, & Ripon
  - Marquette Co. libraries
    - Montello, Neshkoro, & Oxford.
  - Waushara Co. libraries
    - Wautoma
  - Winnebago Co. libraries
    - Menasha, Neenah & Oshkosh
- Marquette County is being billed a total of \$81,433, compared to \$81,855 last year, by these libraries:
  - Columbia Co. libraries
    - Cambria, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Randolph, Rio, & Wisconsin Dells
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Berlin, Green Lake, Kingston, & Princeton
  - Waushara Co. libraries
    - Coloma, Plainfield, Redgranite, & Wautoma
- Waushara County is being billed a total of \$40,335 down from \$48,178 last year, by these libraries:
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Green Lake, Markesan, & Princeton.
  - Marquette Co. libraries
    - Montello, Neshkoro, & Westfield
  - Winnebago Co. libraries
    - Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh, & Winneconne
  - Waupaca Co. libraries
    - Fremont, Waupaca, & Weyauwega

- Winnebago County is being billed a total of \$54,857, down from \$58,647 last year, by these libraries:
  - Fond du Lac Co. libraries
    - Campbellsport, Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac, Oakfield, & Ripon
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Berlin, Green Lake, Kingston, Markesan & Princeton
  - Waushara Co. libraries
    - Pine River, Redgranite, Wautoma, & Wild Rose