

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 22 November 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: All five counties increased their support for their local libraries. This was welcomed news especially to those libraries who saw cuts or flat funding in their 2021 budgets.

	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Marquette	Waushara	Winnebago	Total
2022 Library Reimbursement	1,518,398	238,098	187,481	426,119	2,250,681	4,620,777
2022 Major Facility Funding					55,876	55,876
2022 WCTS		63,824	51,052	81,128		196,004
2022 Act 420 payments	107,705	38,104	81,433	40,334	54,867	322,443
2022 Special Project	25,000				20,000	45,000
2022 Total Library Funding	1,651,103	340,026	319,966	547,581	2,381,424	5,240,100
2021 Library Reimbursement	1,446,462	212,884	169,605	409,746	2,134,697	4,373,394
2021 Major Facility Funding					74,673	74,673
2021 WCTS		61,882	49,540	78,920		190,342
2021 Act 420 payments	117,115	36,427	81,855	48,178	58,647	342,222
2021 Special Project					20,000	20,000
2021 Total Library Funding	1,563,577	311,193	301,000	536,844	2,288,017	5,000,631
						Percentage Change in Total
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments)	5.60%	9.27%	6.30%	2.00%	4.08%	4.79%
Change in in-county library funding (reimbursement, WCTS, special project, & major facility funding)	4.74%	8.99%	8.13%	3.66%	4.21%	4.81%

Library Legislative Day: Librarians, trustees, and other supporters will be heading down to Madison on Tuesday February 8, 2022. Everyone is quite excited to be attending this event in person, and to have the chance to thank the legislation for their support of the increase in System State Aid in the Biennial Budget. Information and registration for the event can be found here: [Library Legislative Day \(wisconsinlibraries.org\)](http://wisconsinlibraries.org)

Grants: Plainfield Public Library received \$1,000 from UW Madison's "East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program."

Three Winnefox libraries will be received \$1,200 in new hardcover children's book from the Pilcrow Foundation: Montello Public Library, Patterson Memorial Library, and Oxford Public Library.

Library News: Winnefox system and library staff made a good showing at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in November. At the conference, we had the chance to celebrate two significant accomplishments. One, was the Leon-Saxeville Library in Pine River being honored as WLA's Library of the Year. Two, Desiree Bongers, director of the Ripon Public Library, stepped in as emergency Conference Chair earlier in the year. Her 20 years of dedication to WLA was recognized when she received the President's Volunteer Award at the Awards Ceremony.

Staff Changes: We hired a new van driver in October: Andy Kolb