

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: March 18, 2022

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 in advance.

Library use reimbursements across county lines: I have provided the rural resident usage and reimbursement figures across adjacent counties lines to all Winnefox libraries. They are in the process of deciding which counties to ask for reimbursement. Final numbers are due to me in May so I can submit the billing to those counties in June.

Library Legislative Day: 8 Winnefox directors and staff attended Library Legislative Day on Tuesday February 8; the repeated discussion point of the day was to thank legislators for their support of the increase in System State Aid.

During a discussion with an aide in Senator Ballweg's office, some directors brought up the difficulty they have experienced with the DOR's decision to not send out Tax Instruction booklets to libraries this year. Following this conversation, Ballweg's office persuaded DOR to change their decision and libraries have since been able to ask and receive Tax Instruction booklets to give to library patrons.

Conferences: From March 23 to 25th, Jeff and I will be in Portland OR attending the Public Library Association (PLA) Conference. Our goal is to come back invigorated and eager to implement new initiatives at the system and libraries.

The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) spring conference will be from May 11 – 13th in Pewaukee. Librarians, friends, and trustees are all invited to attend the conference; interested parties can registered for the whole conference or for one day attendance.

Library News: Campbellsport Library promoted their children's librarian, Alison Capoyianes, to the director position in January. Bernadette Stainbrook, who had previously worked at Wautoma Library, was hired to run Plainfield Public Library. Deb Sadowski, who was at Plainfield, became the director of the Coloma Public Library earlier this year.

Oakfield Public Library received a \$500 grant from Oakfield Community Foundation to begin a Wonderbook collection at the library. Numerous libraries received funding from Kwik Trip to help support Summer Reading Programs.