MEMORANDUM:

To: **Winnefox Library System Trustees**
From: **Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director**
Subject: **Report of System Activities**
Date: **May 18, 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 in advance.

Library Funding from the American Relief Plan Act: All the items under the ARPA IT Hardware and Infrastructure Grant have been purchased. Most of the devices, items, and new tech are in place, the exception being the second generation firewall which should be installed next month.

The furniture and meeting room enhancements purchased with the ARPA Space Needs Grant will be arriving at libraries in the coming months, as quickly as supply chain allows.

Summer Reading Program: All Winnefox libraries are planning and prepping their Summer Reading Programs. Many libraries will be using the Collaborative Summer Reading Program's theme, *Oceans of Possibilities.* Libraries ramp up their literacy and children's programming during the summer to help keep kids engaged and learning, even when they are not in school. Libraries have the opportunity to use *Beanstack,* an app that allows patrons to track their reading on their phone or computer. *Beanstack* was purchased statewide with LSTA funding.

Library News: Ethel Everhard Library in Westfield recently reopened their library building after a 5-month renovation. They will be having an open house on Sunday June 12th.

Campbellsport Public Library will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary with a Family Fun Night the evening of June 6.

In late March, Elisha D. Smith Library opened *SMITHworks* new makerspace, equipped with specialized printers, power tools, green screen, sewing machine, podcast recording equipment, Cricut machine and more.

Amanda O'Neal and Kelly Nelson, from Winneconne Public Library, presented a program at the Wisconsin Public Library Conference in Pewaukee earlier this month. Their program, *Modern Library Experience,* share their successes with modernizing the feel, layout, and programming at their library to create a lively engagement community space.