

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 20 July 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.

2022 County Funding: The 2023 county funding requests have been submitted to all five counties. They made be modifications made to these requests either by the Executive/Administrator or the full county board. Final reimbursement figures will be confirmed in November with the passing of the full county budgets.

Creative Studios Update: The following is a statement from Crystal Marschall, WCTS Coordinator, who runs the Winnefox Creative Studios collection. This is a collection rotation (i.e. not owned by an individual library but by the system) that designed to provide in-house programming to libraries.

Since I started [in January], we added 26 new kits for a total of 31 creative studio kits. Some of these have 2 or 3 of the same kits (mainly in our outdoor creative studio). For example, we have 2 outdoor checkers kits and 3 outdoor Jenga kits. We added the Outdoor Creative Studio Kits, which have been a HUGE success this summer with all the events the libraries are doing, and the kits are moving around the libraries all the time. It's a good crazy to have!

To give some stats, in May 9 Kits were checked out, June 44 kits were checked out, and I don't have July's exact numbers yet, but when I looked at the calendar we have as of today (7/20/2022) 33 kits checked out. The cornhole set(s) supplies were all donated by Drexel in Berlin and the Green Lake High School built them for us.

I just bought one Oculus set, and I am partnering with South Central Library System to help me learn how to use it and set it up. We are hoping to add one more Oculus set in the future. A few other kits I am hoping to add are a few more Storytime Kits, A Little Engineers Kit, Escape Room kit, and some STEM/STEAM kits.

Summer Reading Program: The anecdotal reports from the member libraries are that Summer Reading attendance and participation has been the highest it has been since before 2020, if not ever. There seems to be real joy with this year's events and engagements.

Staff Changes: Joy Schwarz has announced her retirement. The current timeline is to hire someone to overlap for a week or so with Joy before her last day in mid-November.

Library News: Neenah Public Library had a visit from Governor Evers when he was in town. He spent a long time chatting with Gretchen Raab, Neenah Public Library director, and made an effort to meet and shake hands with all the staff.

Wautoma Public Library received a significant ARPA donation from a local township. No final plans have been made with the funding, though the director is considering creating more intentional study space in the building.

To: Winnefox Library System Board of Trustees
Winnefox library directors
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Re: Library reimbursement across county lines
Date: 20 July 2022

Now that billing for the 2023 budget year is done, I am able to make a report showing which libraries are billing and how much Winnefox counties are being billed across county lines.

Twenty-eight of our member libraries have chosen to bill adjacent counties, one more than last year. In some cases, libraries are not billing every county they are entitled to.

- Fond du Lac County Libraries will receive a total of \$86,583 up from \$71,635 last year.
 - Brandon is billing Green Lake, Winnebago, and Calumet counties for \$2,335.
 - Campbellsport is billing Calumet, Dodge, Sheboygan and Winnebago counties for \$2,771.
 - Fond du Lac is billing Calumet, Dodge, Green Lake, Sheboygan, & Winnebago counties for \$22,012.
 - North Fond du Lac is billing Winnebago county for \$4,397.
 - Ripon is billing Dodge, Calumet, Green Lake, & Winnebago counties for \$55,068.

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 \$59,596, up from \$46,203 last year.
 - Berlin is billing Fond du Lac, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for a total of \$31,717. Because the City of Berlin lies partially in Waushara County they will be receiving reimbursement of \$32,820 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 \$5,278.
 - Kingston is billing Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for \$5,903.
 - Markesan is billing Columbia, Fond du Lac, Waushara, & Dodge counties for \$1,602.
 - Princeton is billing Fond du Lac, Marquette, Waushara, & Winnebago counties for \$15,096.

- Marquette County Libraries will receive a total of \$7,826, up from \$7,089 last year.
 - Endeavor is billing Green Lake County for \$39.
 - Montello is billing Columbia, Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$2,719.
 - Neshkoro is billing Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$3,803.
 - Oxford is billing Green Lake County for \$63.
 - Pine River is billing Winnebago Count for \$156.
 - Plainfield is billing Marquette & Green Lake counties for \$2,363.
 - Westfield is billing Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$1,202.

- Waushara County Libraries will receive a total of \$20,348, up from \$17,763 last year.
 - Coloma is billing Marquette & Green Lake counties for \$10,890.
 - Hancock is billing Marquette & Winnebago counties for \$147.
 - Plainfield is billing Marquette County for \$2,339.
 - Pine River is billing Winnebago County for \$156.
 - Poy Sippi is billing Winnebago County for \$456.
 - Redgranite is billing Green Lake, Marquette & Winnebago counties for \$149.
 - Wautoma is billing Green Lake, Marquette, & Winnebago counties for \$5,239
 - Wild Rose is billing Green Lake & Winnebago counties for \$1,119.

- Winnebago County Libraries will receive a total of \$83,679, up from \$65,827 last year.
 - Menasha is billing Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Waushara counties for \$1,193
 - Neenah is billing Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, & Waushara counties for \$32,564
 - Omro is billing Fond du Lac & Waushara counties for \$1,774
 - Oshkosh is billing Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, & Waushara Counties for \$47,795.
 - Winneconne is billing Fond du Lac county for \$353.

Because the City of Menasha lies partially in Calumet County they will be receiving reimbursement of \$123,745 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 \$125,759, up from \$107,705 last year, by these libraries:
 - Calumet Co. libraries
 - Brillion, Chilton, Kiel, & New Holstein
 - Dodge Co. libraries
 - Beaver Dam, Brownsville, Fox Lake, Horicon, Lomira, Randolph, 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, Kewaskum, Slinger, & West Bend
 - Winnebago Co. libraries
 - Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh & Winneconne

- Green Lake County is being billed a total of \$33,444, down from \$38,017 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, North Fond du Lac, & Ripon
 - Marquette Co. libraries
 - Montello, Neshkoro, & Oxford.
 - Waushara Co. libraries
 - Coloma, Plainfield, Redgranite, Wautoma, Wild Rose
 - Winnebago Co. libraries
 - Menasha, Neenah & Oshkosh

- Marquette County is being billed a total of \$76,361, down from \$81,433 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 \$39,342 down from \$40,335 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
 - Waupaca Co. libraries
 - Fremont, Waupaca, & Weyauwega
- Winnebago County is being billed a total of \$89,246, up from \$54,857 last year, by these libraries:
 - Fond du Lac Co. libraries
 - Brandon, Campbellsport, Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac, & Ripon
 - Green Lake Co. libraries
 - Berlin, Green Lake, Kingston, & Princeton
 - Waushara Co. libraries
 - Hancock, Pine River, Poy Sippi, Redgranite, Wautoma, & Wild Rose
 - Waupaca Co. libraries
 - Fremont