

MEMORANDUM:

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

Maternity Leave: I will be taking maternity leave in the immediate future and will be unavailable for at least 6 weeks following the birth. Winnefox staff are generously taking on my essential duties during my leave, and most major activities are completed or can wait until I return.

Wisconsin Library Association Conference: The WLA Conference will be held on November 2-4th at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva. This year's theme is *Rising to the Challenge*. With LSTA funding, Winnefox is offering scholarships to attending library staff. You can find more information on the WLA site [WLA Annual Conference \(wisconsinlibraries.org\)](http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org)

Winnefox News: Winnefox has hired Angela M. Schneider to be the new Public Library Development Consultant. Joy Schwarz, current Continuing Education and Training Librarian will have a week overlap with Angela before her retirement on November 19th. Angela has worked for the past three years as the Assistant Director at the Kaukauna Public Library and has previous experience working at all levels within a public library. The search committee was especially impressed with her experience with the Fox Valley Book Festival, her organization skills, and her poise and confidence at public speaking.

Library News: As of September, Winnefox has awarded 5 infrastructure grants through our new program put into the 2022 budget. Libraries can apply for funding, up to \$5,000, that will assist in a small building improvement or repair project. The libraries which have benefited through the grant so far include: Markesan - boiler replacement; Packwaukee - lighting upgrades; Pine River and Oxford - electrical rewiring; Endeavor - HVAC repair.

Poy Sippi Public Library has hired a new library director, Dawn Betler. Dawn retired in June from the Princeton Public School, where she was first a Kindergarten teacher and then the library media specialist.