

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: May 25, 2023

This is my last Assistant Director Report. However, I will continue to include some version of this report in future board packets, informing the board of recent system activities. If there are specific topics you would like to see moving forward, let me know.

Winnefox Library System Trustee Vacancies: At the March 2023 board meeting, I was asked about the vacancies on the Winnefox Board. Below is the current standing of trustees, along with the 7 vacancies. Filling these vacancies is a goal of mine this year.

Winnebago County:

County Representative – Doug Zellmer
Menasha – Vacant (recently filled by Elizabeth Eisen)
Neenah – Randy Fieldhack, Katherine Freund, and Elizabeth Irish
Omro/Winneconne – Noah Cypher
Oshkosh – Bill Bracken, David Rucker, 2 Vacancies

Fond du Lac County:

County Representative – Mike Will
Campbellsport/Brandon/North Fond du Lac – Vacant (recently filled by Charlotte Rebelein)
Ripon/Oakfield – Andrew Prellwitz
Fond du Lac – Melissa Kolstad, Dusty Krikau, 2 Vacancies

Waushara County:

County Representative – John Jarvis
Waushara Community – Jim Miller

Green Lake County:

County Representative – Ken Bates
Green Lake Community – Patty Pieper

Marquette County:

County Representative – Kathleen McGwin
Marquette Community – Vacant (recently filled by Vicki Huffman)

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, *All Together Now*. 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.

Library News: The WAPL Conference was held in Oshkosh last month and three sessions were presented by Winnefox library staff. Katie Killian from Fond du Lac Library presented on their “Bad Art Night,” programs. Cassie Payne from the Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha presented on making youth programs more engaging and Oshkosh Public Library staff also shared their experience with storytimes and take home STEAM kits.

11 Winnefox libraries are participating in the Wisconsin State Parks partnership, which allows libraries to hand out free visitor passes to patrons.

Markesan Public Library hired Vanessa Meyer, a past library clerk, as their new director. Andra Mory, coming from Neenah Public Schools, will be the new director at Leon-Saxeville Library in Pine River.