MEMORANDUM:

To:	**Winnefox Library System Trustees**
From:	**Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director**
Subject:	**Report of System Activities**
Date:	**20 July 2023**

2024 County Funding: The 2024 county funding requests have been submitted to all five counties. There may 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.

System News: Use of the Affordable Connectivity Program Outreach Grant, where Winnefox was planning on hiring outreach enrollment guides, has been placed on hold. Federal funding to the ACP may not continue beyond February of 2024 and the state is holding off on efforts to enroll citizens until the funding is guaranteed for a longer period. Information regarding the extension of the ACP funding will be available by the end of the year.

The Winnefox billboards and geofencing ads have concluded after five weeks of being live. The billboards and ads directed community members to go to: library.winnefox.org where they would receive information about services provided by their local library. The site is still live for anyone wishing to browse the webpage and Angela Schneider will be reporting to the board in September regarding the results of this endeavor.

Library News: Berlin Public Library received a $20,000 APRA grant from their city. The funding will be put toward newspaper and yearbook digitization efforts. The Berlin collection will hopefully be live on the Winnefox site early next year.

Patterson Memorial Library in Wild Rose has a new Historical page on their website highlighting historical buildings and organizations in their community. Jeramiah Harland completed the project in time for their Wild Rose Days: Party on the Pond. wildroselibrary.org/historical-trail

The libraries are in their busiest season providing summer reading challenges, programs and activities. Individual libraries events and photos from said events can be found on their websites and Facebook pages.

Both Coloma and Oakfield Public Library have completed carpeting projects this spring/summer. Along the lines of building projects, all libraries now have access to the Wisconsin Library Buildings and Spaces Project website. Individuals may view on-demand webinars and sign up for live Q&As regarding building projects, capital campaigning, and improvement plans.

Trustee Training: Registration is open for five trustee training webinars scheduled at noon each day of the week, August 21-25. Visit the web site for webinar descriptions and registration: https://www.wistrusteetraining.com/

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