

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: 21 November 2023

System News: In an effort to better communicate both with system staff and member library staff, there have been two changes. One, Winnefox hosts a staff meeting for all 14 full-time staff every other week. It is an opportunity for staff to share projects they have been working on and for Administration to communicate changes in policies or procedures. Two, Angela Schneider has begun to put together a weekly newsletter summarizing events and updates from the past week. Winnie's Roundup is sent to all member library staff and directs individuals to important emails they might have missed in their inbox.

Winnefox has hired a new ILL page and sorter, Christine Pascarella.

Winnefox will be hosting its Annual Meeting with all member library directors on Tuesday January 23 at the Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha.

Library News: Heidi Marshall has been hired as the new Packwaukee Library Director. She takes over from Carol Deer who retired in October.

Ripon Public Library is the most recent Winnefox Library to have its historical digital collection added to Recollection Wisconsin's site. Ripon's collection includes yearbooks, newspapers, and genealogy notebooks and joins 13 other Winnefox library collections on Recollection Wisconsin's site.

As of this month all Winnefox libraries, who were previously on Spectrum internet, have now been moved to TEACH internet. This has been a multi-year process working with a number of agencies and it is a relief to have this project completed.

State News: Librarians, trustees, and other supporters will be heading down to Madison on Tuesday February 6, 2023. This is a chance to thank the legislature for their support of libraries and advocate for continued support. Registration for the event can be found here: [Library Legislative Day \(wisconsinlibraries.org\)](http://LibraryLegislativeDay(wisconsinlibraries.org))

2023 County Funding: The majority of libraries will receive increased funding from their local counties in 2024, including Marquette County Libraries, who will receive their full requested amount for the first in memory.

	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Marquette	Waushara	Winnebago	Total
2024 Library Reimbursement	1,683,835	260,699	219,877	451,182	2,329,418	4,945,011
2024 Major Facility Funding					56,773	56,773
2024 WCTS		66,092	53,746	84,203		204,041
2024 Act 420 payments	127,296	36,523	76,206	45,097	96,489	381,611
2024 Special Project	-				82,474	82,474
2024 Total Library Funding	1,811,131	363,314	349,829	580,482	2,565,154	5,669,910
2023 Library Reimbursement	1,564,324	264,989	190,942	437,014	2,319,911	4,777,180
2023 Major Facility Funding					56,324	56,324
2023 WCTS		64,881	52,262	82,873		200,016
2023 Act 420 payments	125,759	33,444	76,762	39,342	89,246	364,553
2023 Special Project	25,000				20,000	45,000
2023 Total Library Funding	1,715,083	363,314	319,966	559,229	2,485,481	5,443,073
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments)	5.60%	0.00%	9.33%	3.80%	3.21%	4.17%
Change in in-county library funding (reimbursement, WCTS, special project, & major facility funding)	7.10%	-0.94%	11.12%	2.89%	0.42%	3.31%