

**MEMORANDUM:**

**To:** Winnefox Library System Trustees  
**From:** Mark Arend, Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Report of System activities  
**Date:** 22 May 2017

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 or send an email in advance.

**Library Summer Reading Programs:** *Build A Better World!* is the slogan for this year's summer reading programs. Many libraries now have programs for teens and adults, as well as the traditional children's programs. Libraries put a lot of effort into their summer programs both because it increases library use and because it's good for the children. Research shows that children who participate in a public library reading program over the summer start the school year ahead of those who don't. Studies have shown that failure to read well by the end of third grade is linked to higher dropout rates. Winnefox supports our libraries by:

- Organizing group purchases of materials
- Printing reading records and promotional materials
- Assisting with bookings of performers

**Trustee Training Week Webinar Series:** Save the week of 21 August for the third annual Wisconsin Trustee Training Week webinars. Each day from 12:00 to 1:00 you can participate in one of these online sessions led by experts in the field:

- Monday *Library Boards as Effective Teams*
- Tuesday *Policies for Results*
- Wednesday *Engaging Your Board, Staff, and Community in Strategic Planning*
- Thursday *Library Advocacy*
- Friday *Public Library System Redesign Project (PLSR) Update*

More information will shortly be available on the training website:

<http://www.wistrusteetraining.com/>

Trustee Training week is sponsored by all 16 Wisconsin Library Systems.

**Winnefox Trustee Training Sessions:** We had two successful Trustee 101 sessions earlier this month. Eighteen trustees from ten libraries attended. I'll be doing two additional sessions in September. I will also be talking with directors in the county LAC meetings about what sorts of trustee training is most needed and how best to deliver it.