

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 18 September 2018

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.

2019 County Funding: The counties are well into their budget processes. At this writing it's a little early to say how it's going this year except that county budgets continue to be tight (something we've seen for several years). Calls to elected officials about the importance of libraries are always helpful at this time of year.

Wisconsin Library Association Conference: Excite. Ignite. Invite. at the Radisson La Crosse and La Crosse Convention Center on October 23-26. If you can only go for one day, make it Thursday: that's when sessions of particular interest to Trustees are scheduled. Some of this year's Thursday sessions are on county funding, strategic planning, Friends groups, advocacy, and building projects (and that's just before lunch). You can find more information on the WLA site <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/events-conferences/annual-conference/wla-conference-home>

Interesting Reading: From time to time I recommend articles in *The Municipality*, published by the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, to library directors. Their August issue had these particularly interesting articles:

- This is a Great Time to Organize Candidate Forums — Here's How
- Local Government Fiscal Stress in Wisconsin
- Removal of Officers; Governing Body Procedures and the Recall Procedure (including procedure for removal of library trustees)
- Discussion Rules for Members
- Several FAQs on open meetings

You can find *The Municipality* on the League site at <http://www.lwm-info.org/828/The-Municipality-Magazine>

Library Director News: We have lost two library directors since our last meeting. Oakfield director Sharon Belling has left to become the Town of Lomira Clerk (Dodge Co.); Sandra Porter has been hired to replace her. Jean Nelson has retired from Redgranite; Deb Sadowski has been hired to replace her.