

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: January 25, 2024

2024 Winnefox Board Meetings: In addition to meeting at the Oshkosh Public Library, we like to have the board visit other libraries in the system. Below is the schedule for the year:

March 27 – Coloma Public Library
May 29 – Neenah Public Library
July 31 – Oxford Public Library
September 25 – Fond du Lac Public Library
November 27 – Oshkosh Public Library

Library Legislative Day: Winnefox librarians and trustees will be gathering in Madison with other librarians across the state Tuesday February 6th to speak with representatives and legislators at Library Legislative Day. Topics to be discussed include gratitude for the increase in system state aid, and highlighting the additional services provided with said funding. There may be questions from legislators regarding intellectual freedom and material challenges, but visitors will be prepped to address those.

Library News: We had the Winnefox Directors' Annual Meeting on Tuesday January 23rd at the Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha. Discussions included the Winnefox Overdrive Advantage budget, 2023 statistics, municipal and library relationships, and more.

Lucas Almas has started as director of the Markesan Public Library. He is currently pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. Prior to Markesan, he worked at the Mayville Public Library in Wisconsin.

Darryl Eschete is the new director of the Oshkosh Public Library. Prior to joining OPL, Darryl was the director of the West Des Moines Public Library for 12 years and the director of the Chippawa Falls Library before that.

Staff News: We have hired Marcy Cannon as the new Winnefox Business Manager. Marcy has been working for Winnefox for 20+ years. Her time working under Julie Schmude and her enthusiasm for the position will be great assets as she begins. Julie's last day will be mid-February.