

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 20 March 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.

State Biennial Budget: The Joint Finance Committee has scheduled one of six budget hearings in the Winnefox area: Friday 7 April at Berlin High School. If you are interested in attending I would be happy to brief you on library-related items.

Federal Budget Proposal: One of the items in President Trump's budget proposal is the elimination of the Institute for Museum & Library Services (IMLS). This would also eliminate the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program, which is administered by IMLS. Since the mid-1950s the LSTA program and its predecessors have provided funding for projects that have been instrumental for extending and improving library services; in fact, WCTS was started with this funding in the mid-1960s. Over the past 4 years Winnefox and its libraries have collectively received over \$239,000 in LSTA grant funding for technology, literacy and other projects.

Library use reimbursements across county lines: I have begun to compile figures for reimbursement across county lines but do not have complete figures from libraries outside of Winnefox yet. I will bring a report to the board meeting if I receive them in time.

Trustee 101: I will be presenting two Trustee 101 sessions this spring: the afternoon of Tuesday 2 May in Coloma and the evening of 11 May in Berlin. These sessions are a valuable part of a new trustee's orientation and a useful refresher for experienced trustees.

WAPL Conference: The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries spring conference will be 27 – 28 April in Stevens Point. As usual, there will be a good mix of programs with some of interest to trustees. More information is available at:
<http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/wapl/conferences-events/wapl-conference>

Library News: Poy Sippi Director Mike Melland has announced his retirement. The date has not been set but will likely be late-summer or early-fall.