

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 18 May 2016

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.

Getting Caught Up: Spring is usually a busy time because this is when I start working on county funding requests and adjacent county billings. It's even more so because of my recent illness. I'm back full time and doing well. Thanks for all the kind thoughts sent my way.

Library Summer Reading Programs: *On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!* is the slogan for this year's children's summer reading program. 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 22 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 *Duties of the 21st Century Library Board*
- Tuesday *Engaged Planning: Ask What You Can Do For Your Community*
- Wednesday *The Green to Dream: Preparing for a Capital Campaign*
- Thursday *Ensuring Director Success*
- Friday *Wisconsin Trustees: You Ask, We'll Answer*

More information is available on the Winnefox calendar

<http://extranet.winnefox.org/events/month/2016-08>.

Trustee Training week is sponsored by all 17 Wisconsin Library Systems.