

**MEMORANDUM:**

**To:** Winnefox Library System Trustees  
**From:** Mark Arend, Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Report of System activities  
**Date:** 21 September 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.

**Board Meeting Location Change:** Our November meeting will be at the Fond du Lac Public Library. In addition to the usual library tour you'll be able to see the new Idea Studio makerspace and Chapter 52 Bookstore.

**2017 County Funding:** The counties are well into their budget processes. At this writing things seem to be going fairly well. Calls to elected officials about the importance of libraries are always helpful at this time of year.

**Wisconsin Library Association Conference:** This year's WLA Conference will be 25 – 28 October at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee. Some of this year's sessions of interest to trustees include: building projects, technology trends, community partnerships, and the Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) project. Go for the whole conference or just one day. You can find more information on the WLA site <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/events-conferences/annual-conference/wla-conference-home>

**Use of Overdrive eBooks and audiobooks:** Use of the Overdrive eBook and digital audiobook collection continues to grow. I recently compared 2015 use with the first 8 months of 2016 and found that this year's average monthly use is about 2,500 items greater than last year's.

**Library Director News:** Princeton Public Library director, Clairellyn Sommersmith and her husband Micah welcomed a son, Theodore Richard, in July. Anni Parsons has left the Berlin Public Library.