

To: Winnefox Library System Board of Trustees  
Winnefox library directors  
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director  
Re: Library reimbursement across county lines  
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The implementation of Act 420—the law that allows libraries to bill adjacent counties for service to their residents who live in areas without libraries—has been interesting and sometimes confusing. Now that billing is done I am able to make a report showing which libraries are billing and how much counties are being billed.

Thirteen of our member libraries have chosen to bill adjacent counties.

- Berlin is billing Fond du Lac, Marquette & Winnebago counties for a total of \$18,585. Because the City of Berlin lies partially in Waushara County they also receive reimbursement from them under Act 150, not Act 420.
- Campbellsport is billing Sheboygan County for \$626.
- Coloma is billing Marquette County for \$7,353.
- Fond du Lac is billing Calumet, Dodge, Green Lake, Sheboygan, & Winnebago counties for \$22,337.
- Kingston is billing Marquette & Columbia counties for \$1,240.
- Markesan is billing Fond du Lac & Columbia counties for \$2,952.
- Menasha is billing Calumet County for \$49,970. Because the City of Menasha lies partially in Calumet Co. this billing is under Act 150, not Act 420.
- Neenah is billing Calumet County for \$8,933.
- Oshkosh is billing Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, & Waushara Counties for \$29,908.
- Oxford is billing Green Lake & Waushara counties for \$26.
- Princeton is billing Marquette, Fond du Lac, Waushara, & Winnebago counties for \$9,215.
- Ripon is billing Green Lake & Winnebago counties for \$26,971.
- Westfield is billing Waushara County for \$867.

In some cases libraries are not billing every county they are entitled to because the amount due is below a certain threshold or for other reasons.

Menasha, Neenah, and Oshkosh are billing Calumet Co. for 50% of their cost rather than the statutory minimum of 70%. These libraries felt that it was best to work towards 70% over a 3-year period.

The remaining 17 libraries either have chosen not to bill or have no billable use from adjacent counties.

All of our member counties are being billed by libraries in adjacent counties:

- Fond du Lac County is being billed a total of \$71,887 by these libraries:
  - Calumet Co. libraries
    - Chilton, Kiel, & New Holstein
  - Dodge Co. libraries
    - Beaver Dam, Brownsville, Lomira Theresa, & Watertown
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Berlin, Markesan, & Princeton
  - Sheboygan Co. libraries
    - Elkhart Lake, Plymouth, Random Lake, Sheboygan, & Sheboygan Falls
  - Washington Co. libraries
    - Hartford, Kewaskum, Slinger, & West Bend
  - Winnebago Co. libraries
    - Oshkosh

Green Lake County is being billed a total of \$25,687 by these libraries:

- Columbia Co. libraries
  - Pardeeville & Portage,
- Dodge Co. libraries
  - Beaver Dam, Randolph, Waupun
- Fond du Lac Co. libraries
  - Fond du Lac & Ripon
- Marquette Co. libraries
  - Oxford
- Winnebago Co. libraries
  - Oshkosh
- Libraries in Waushara Co. have chosen not to bill Green Lake Co.

Marquette County is being billed a total of \$41,081 by these libraries:

- Columbia Co. libraries
  - Pardeeville, Portage, & Wisconsin Dells
- Green Lake Co. libraries
  - Berlin, Kingston, & Princeton
- Waushara Co. libraries
  - Coloma
- The Adams County Library has chosen not to bill Marquette Co.

- Waushara County is being billed a total of \$10,423 by these libraries:
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Princeton
  - Marquette Co. libraries
    - Oxford & Westfield
  - Winnebago Co. libraries
    - Oshkosh
  - The Adams County Library has no billable use from Waushara Co. residents.
  - Libraries in Portage and Waupaca counties have chosen not to bill Waushara Co.
  
- Winnebago County is being billed a total of \$29,742 by these libraries:
  - Fond du Lac Co. libraries
    - Fond du Lac & Ripon
  - Green Lake Co. libraries
    - Berlin & Princeton
  - Calumet Co. libraries have no billable use from Winnebago Co.
  - Libraries in Waushara, Outagamie & Waupaca counties have chosen not to bill Winnebago Co.