

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: January 23, 2008

Greetings and Happy New Year! 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.

Legislative Update: SB-1, which would allow a library to transfer donations to a charitable organization whose purpose is to provide support for the library has passed both houses of the Legislature. At this time the Governor has not taken action.

WLA Legislative Day: The Wisconsin Library Association's Legislative Day was held on Tuesday 22 January. Because of the heavy snowfall on Monday and overnight the many of those who had planned on being there were unable to attend. In spite of that it was a good day, with Jeff, directors of two other libraries, and myself visiting State Assembly Representative and Senators.

Success Story: Winnefox has recently begun subscribing to two new online databases: *Auto Repair Reference Center* and *Small Engine Repair Reference Center*. The Auto Repair Reference Center has information for many domestic & import models from the mid-1970s and for some models as far back as the 1940s. The Small Engine Repair Reference Center has information on outdoor power equipment, motorcycles, boat engines, and much more. Like all the Winnefox online resources, they can be accessed from any location through your library's web site

Shortly after subscribing to these databases we received the following communication from Marie Boleman, director of the Ethel Everhard Library in Westfield:

The Director of our Village's Streets and Parks Department just left our library with the information he needed fix a Village snow plow. He had been looking at the Chilton manuals on the shelf and had a confused look on his face while heading toward the front door to leave.

I stopped him and asked, "Are here to see me?"

He replied, "No, I couldn't find what I needed in the Chilton manuals."

When I told him about the new database, he was very surprised and pleased to know of the existence of this resource. He found what he needed in a matter of minutes. To top it off, he nearly flipped out when he found out he could access it from home or from his office.

It's gratifying to know that a system service has such a positive effect for one of our libraries.