

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: March 10, 2008

There is a lot of activity around the system this spring. I would be happy to provide further details at our next meeting, or feel free to give me a call or send an email.

Board meetings at other locations: Our May meeting will be at the Patterson Memorial Library in Wild Rose and our November meeting will be at the Fond du Lac Public Library. Maps to these libraries will be included in the board packets for those months.

Annual reports: The system annual report and the Plan evaluation and certification of compliance are in your packet.

As of this writing not all libraries have completed their 2007 annual reports. I hope that they will all be done by the time we meet. After several years of most libraries seeing increases in circulation many libraries saw decreases in 2007. In a few cases these decreases are easily explainable as due to road construction or some other outside cause. In most cases the reason is harder to determine and may be different for different libraries. I plan to work with libraries in each county to try to determine the causes and possible remedies.

Library use reimbursements across county lines: I have begun to compile figures for reimbursement across county lines but do not have figures from libraries outside of Winnefox yet. I hope to have them for our May meeting.

Culver's National Library Week program: Once again Culvers Restaurants is generously sponsoring a coloring contest program for National Library Week: 13 - 19 April. Participating libraries will be receiving prizes and coupons for all children participating.

Legislative Update: The Governor signed SB-1 2007 (now Wisconsin Act 61) into law on 5 March. This is the law that would allow libraries to transfer gift funds to a charitable organization whose purpose is to support the library, such as a library foundation or Friends group. It would not allow a library to deposit gift funds with a community foundation. Sen Roessler has been working on another bill that would allow libraries to do this and I have suggested that libraries who are interested in this contact her office, or their own legislators, to voice support for this.