

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 21 July 2008

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.

2008 County Funding: We are preparing 2009 county budget requests; requests for two counties have been submitted to their county board committee of jurisdiction. Because of levy limits and general economic factors we expect another tight year. One factor that may help libraries is that, at least for 2009, county library funding remains exempt from levy limits.

Staff Health Insurance: At the last board meeting the board asked me to research alternative health insurance plans for the staff. For a first step I wanted to meet with Rae Ann Beaudry, the city's health insurance consultant but have not been able to set up a time when both of us are free. I hope to meet with her in the next week or so.

Act 420 (Library reimbursement payments across county lines): I have prepared a separate report showing which libraries are billing which counties, and for how much.

Library Trustee Training: I held two successful training sessions for library trustees in June. The first was in Green Lake the afternoon before the big storm hit; luckily it was early enough that almost everyone was able to make it home while the roads were passable. 20 trustees from 9 libraries and Winnefox attended. I intend to schedule another session or two for this fall.

Library Director Changes: Heather Wegner, former director of the Brandon Public Library, is the new director of the Spillman Public Library in North Fond du Lac. The Brandon PL Assistant librarian Tyler Loest has been hired as interim director there. Former Ripon library director Alan Jorgenson is serving as interim director at Oakfield Public Library and former Winnefox/OPL director John Nichols is serving as interim director at Winneconne Public Library.

Staff News: Interlibrary Loan Pages Paul Mannone and Matthew Schrottky have resigned. Eric Egan and Adeline Miller have been hired to replace them.