

**MEMORANDUM:**

**To:** Winnefox Library System Trustees  
**From:** Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Report of System activities  
**Date:** 20 November 2019

The following is a list of current activities. Feel free to give me a call or send an email if you have any questions or would like further information.

**Greetings!:** Greetings from the office of the Assistant Director. I come to this position after serving 6 years as the Director of the Princeton Public Library. In that time, I oversaw a \$1 million plus capital campaign project to remodel and expand the library building. Additionally, I have served on both Winnefox and WLA committees, as well as taken other opportunities for library advocacy, something I hope to continue pursuing in this position.

**2020 County Funding:** All the counties have approved their budgets, including library funds, for 2020. While some counties were unable to accommodate the specific request from the formula, all counties increased their library funding. The continual goal for librarians is to educate county board members about their funding request, specifically as it applies to services rendered, and how important those services are to those county board members' constituents.

	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Marquette	Waushara	Winnebago	Total
2019 Library Reimbursement	1,373,161	227,506	168,768	409,989	2,056,898	4,236,322
2019 Major Facility Funding					176,606	176,606
2019 WCTS		61,721	49,598	78,676		189,995
2019 Act 420 payments	94,579	40,133	76,634	47,110	50,300	308,756
2019 Special Project					20,000	20,000
2019 Total Library Funding	1,467,740	329,360	295,000	535,775	2,303,804	4,931,679
2018 Library Reimbursement	1,301,008	226,358	147,506	404,040	2,013,585	4,092,497
2018 Major Facility Funding					189,807	189,807
2018 WCTS		60,344	48,554	76,655		185,553
2018 Act 420 payments	82,091	36,089	78,940	40,385	41,837	279,342
2018 Special Project					10,000	10,000
2018 Total Library Funding	1,383,099	322,791	275,000	521,080	2,255,229	4,757,199
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments)	6.12%	2.04%	7.27%	2.82%	2.15%	3.67%
Change in in-county library funding (reimbursement, WCTS, special project, & major facility funding)	5.25%	0.87%	10.21%	1.63%	1.35%	2.93%

**Annual Meeting:** The directors of the Winnefox System will be attending their Annual Meeting on Tuesday January 21. We already know we will be talking about the libraries interested in pursuing a fine-free policy. Other topics will be gathered for the agenda in the coming weeks.

**Library Legislative Day:** Something to put on your calendar now is Library Legislative Day, which will be held in Madison on Tuesday February 11 2020. While registration is not yet available, I will provide information to the board as it is posted. LLD is an excellent opportunity to talk with legislators directly and encourage their support for programs that improve library services within the state.

**Library News:** The Leon Saxeville Public Library in Pine River received a \$4,500 grant earlier this year. \$3,000 will go toward computer replacements and \$1,500 will go toward programming.

Princeton Public Library held a Grand Opening to celebrate the completion of their expanded and remodeled library building on November 10.

Given the recent changes among directors in the system, the office is currently working on revamping the New Director's training. Additionally I will be hosting a training on the annual report for new directors in January, something that Mark always did superbly.