

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: November 21, 2018

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.

2019 Library Funding: Our counties have a history of good support for libraries and this year is no exception; all are increasing library funding for 2019. This chart compares 2019 with 2018 county library funding.

	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Marquette	Waushara	Winnebago	Total
2019 Library Reimbursement	1,301,008	226,358	147,506	404,040	2,013,585	4,092,497
2019 Major Facility Funding					189,807	189,807
2019 WCTS		60,344	48,554	76,655		185,553
2019 Act 420 payments	82,091	36,089	78,940	40,385	41,837	279,342
2019 Special Project					10,000	10,000
2019 Total Library Funding	1,383,099	322,791	275,000	521,080	2,255,229	4,757,199
2018 Library Reimbursement	1,239,170	218,148	135,094	395,111	1,911,598	3,899,121
2018 Major Facility Funding					185,111	185,111
2018 WCTS		58,578	47,201	74,881		180,660
2018 Act 420 payments	90,020	32,349	77,705	39,896	43,924	283,894
2018 Special Project					10,000	10,000
2018 Total Library Funding	1,329,190	309,075	260,000	509,888	2,150,633	4,558,786
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments)	4.06%	4.44%	5.77%	2.19%	4.86%	4.35%
Change in in-county library funding (reimbursement, WCTS, special project, & major facility funding)	4.75%	3.48%	7.02%	2.23%	4.84%	4.54%

Library Legislative Day: Included in your board packet is information for Library Legislative Day in Madison, scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. LLD is an excellent opportunity to talk with legislators directly and encourage their support for programs that improve library services within the state.

Registration is easy; the Wisconsin Library Association arranges for appointments with legislators. We encourage anyone who can to attend. More information will be posted soon at: <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/legislative/legislative-day>.

Library Director News: Markesan Public Library Lucy Hazlewood has announced her retirement. Lucy is one of our longer-serving directors, having been director about 28 years.

Staff Changes: Administrative Specialist Libby Terrell has retired. Libby has been with us for 12 years.

We have hired two new van drivers: Douglas Austin and Tim Macho.

Historical Note: The Wisconsin Library Association Foundation has honored Berlin resident Lucy Smith Morris by adding her to the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame.

Lucy Smith Morris (1850-1935) advocated for the development of public libraries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In her leadership role in the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, she oversaw the establishment of more than 100 public libraries during the group's first year of operation. She was among the first group of appointments to the Wisconsin Free Library Commission and served as Wisconsin Library Association president in 1899-1900.