

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: January 23, 2019

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.

2019 Board Meetings: At the last meeting we were requested to schedule three board meetings at libraries other than Oshkosh. I've reserved meeting rooms at these libraries:

- 30 January Oshkosh
- 27 March Winneconne
- 29 May Oakfield
- 31 July Wautoma
- 25 September Oshkosh
- 20 November Oshkosh

We were last in Oakfield & Wautoma in 2013 and Winneconne in 2015.

Library Legislative Day: Don't forget about Library Legislative Day in Madison, *Tuesday 12 February 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. You can find more information at: <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/legislative/legislative-day>

Library Director News: Sandra Porter has left Oakfield; Lisa Zwickey has been hired to replace her. Green Lake director Linda DeNell has announced her retirement.

Staff News: WCTS Page Andy Chamberlin is retiring. Van driver Doug Austin has resigned.

To: The Winnefox Library System community
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Re: My retirement
Date: 15 January 2019

It is with mixed feelings that I announce my intention to retire this fall. I have not set a date but it will probably be in September. I am giving this notice now so that the transition can be managed as smoothly as possible.

I can honestly say that working at Winnefox over the past 18 years has been a distinct pleasure. It is a privilege to do useful work and to work with and for people one can like and respect, both personally and professionally.

Where do I go from here? I'll be doing many of the usual retiree things: travel, catching up on a long list of things around the house, volunteering. I plan to spend a lot of time improving my bookbinding skills. And reading. I've lost track of how many unread books I've piled up. Hundreds certainly. Possibly into the thousands.

When I interviewed for this position, former director John Nichols asked what initially attracted me to librarianship. I answered honestly that I thought I could sit and read all day. And get paid for it. Needless to say, I was disabused of that notion very early in my career. But I found other reasons to stick with it for the past 40 years.

Thank you all for your friendship and kind words over the last 18 years.