OWLS Director report
February 21, 2019 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

John Wisneski and Chad Glamann recently celebrated their one-year employment anniversaries at OWLS. We're glad they are here!

SRLAAW and Library Legislative Day
On February 11-12, I attended SRLAAW and Library Legislative Day in Madison. A major topic of discussion at the SRLAAW meeting was the new LSTA grant category: Collaborative Projects to Increase Capacity for Technology Tools and Resources. This grant opportunity requires intersystem collaboration and has an unusually short window for project completion. OWLS and NFLS have committed our LSTA allocations and additional OWLSnet funds to a statewide back-up project. A committee of system technology staff from around the state proposed the project, and SCLS will be the fiscal agent.

Snow prevented many people from attending Library Legislative Day this year, but I was pleased to see OWLS Trustee Bobbie Buchholtz and OWLS member Director Elizabeth Timmins at the capitol. I met with staff of Senator Roger Roth and Representative Amanda Stuck.

New online resources
Visit Infosoup.org to try out our new online resources: Transparent Language Online and MyHeritage Library Edition. And, visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel to see our latest InfoSoup video promoting audiobooks: https://www.youtube.com/user/InfoSoupVideos/featured

Continuing education
Recordings of all 14 webinars from the Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference are now available here: http://www.wildwiscwinterweb.com/recordings--slides3.html

Upcoming NEWI CE events include:

- Youth Services & SLP 2019 Workshop @ EAA, Feb 21, 9:30am
- Youth Services & SLP 2019 Workshop @ De Pere, Feb 22, 9:30am
- Overcoming the Email Avalanche: Three Steps to an Empty Inbox (webinar), Mar 20, 10:00am
- From Inbox to Completion (webinar), Mar 27, 10:00am

Details and other news can be found here: https://newilibraries.org/. Trustees are welcome to participate in CE events.

AAC meeting
OWLSnet member libraries will meet in Appleton on March 15th. Libraries will vote on a proposed policy change to allow Lucky Day collections in OWLSnet. If the vote is positive, the recommendation will be brought to the March OWLS Board meeting for approval.

PLSR update
The PLSR Steering Committee will meet Friday, February 22, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The primary business of the meeting will be to review the recommendation report and make final draft decisions. We hope the final report will be released soon after this meeting.