

OWLS Director report

May 24, 2018 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Kristi Pennebecker, director of the Weyauwega Public Library, retired earlier this month. Kelly Kneisler, formerly the children's librarian, has been named interim director.

OWLS is excited to have a new administrative assistant starting in June.

Amanda Lee attended IUG the last week in April, Shipps attended the WAPL conference, and Dave Bacon attended the Wiscnet conference in Madison in May.

The ILS merger exploration with Winnefox is proceeding. The committee met on April 18th at the Ripon Public Library and May 16th at the Neenah Public Library. The committee will meet again in June. Key topics under discussion are resource sharing, governance, and cost sharing with the goal of making a recommendation by the end of July whether or not to continue the exploration. The committee plans to meet again in June. OWLS trustees are welcome to attend all meetings. The committee has a web site where you will find a list of members and various background documents, including meeting agendas, minutes, and more to come: <https://sites.google.com/view/samarbeid/home>.

The Lucky Day Committee will share their proposal at the May AAC meeting. However, we will recommend tabling the decision while a parallel discussion of Lucky Day is underway in the ILS merger exploration committee. If a Lucky Day proposal is adopted by AAC, it will require a change to our resource sharing policy, which will be referred to the OWLS Board for approval.

Appleton Public Library is proceeding with a series of discussions with the developer regarding the library building plan. OWLS will soon have opportunities to meet with the developer and/or architect.

OWLS and OWLSnet library agreements have been sent to all OWLS libraries and several have been signed and returned. OWLSnet automation agreements will be distributed to NFLS member libraries soon.

The Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) project is currently in the Steering Committee Recommendation Development Phase. Presentation toolkits, workgroup report comments, and the funding and cost standards subcommittee report have recently been posted to the web site, plsr.info. Members of the steering committee will speak to OWLSnet member libraries at the July 20 AAC meeting.