

OWLS Director Report

January 20, 2022 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Staffing

Dave Bacon and Julie Leopold from OWLS and John Kronenburg from NFLS collaborated on the hiring committee to fill the new Computer Technician position. Joseph Lawton has accepted the position with a start date of Monday, January 24, 2022. Joe brings more than 9 years of experience in IT support, and we are excited to welcome him to the team.

Evan Bend will retire on February 25th after 18 years at OWLS. Watch for an email from the Sunshine Committee for an opportunity to contribute to a video card.

We will begin the hiring process for a librarian position after the office move.

OWLS Office Move

The moving project is well underway. We are meeting with Outagamie County Maintenance Supervisor Paul Farrell weekly to monitor progress on the Brewster Street building.

The Town of Grand Chute has assigned our new address: 3373 West Brewster Street. VPI will keep the 3375 address.

We have had a meeting with VPI to discuss utilities and shared services such as snow removal, janitorial, pest control, and security and fire monitoring.

We have contracted with A-1 Moving and Storage to move the office the week of March 7th. The move is expected to take 3 days, and the estimated cost is \$7,872. We have paid a deposit of \$500.

See the move project summary on the following page for more details.

ARPA and LSTA Grants

The WISEgrants portal is finally live, and DPI hopes to offer training early next week. OWLS will have four non-competitive grant applications to submit and administer.

- ARPA IT Hardware Improvements & Upgrades
- ARPA Recollection Wisconsin
- LSTA Sparsity Aid
- LSTA Professional Learning Scholarships