

OWLS Director Report

March 24, 2022 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Move to 3373 West Brewster Street

The OWLS move has successfully completed on time and so far under budget. OWLS and County staff are working through the final loose ends. The OWLS Facilities Committee will next meet on April 7th at 10am. This will be a hybrid meeting. Committee members and other Trustees are welcome to attend at the new office.

AAC Report

The OWLSnet Administrative Advisory Committee (AAC) met on Friday, March 18th and decided to pursue a mobile catalog app as our system development project for 2022. Our next step will be to convene a committee to review options and recommend a specific product at the May AAC meeting. Also in May, AAC members will vote on proposals to increase checkout limits from 75 items to 150 and to increase the loan period for AV materials from 7 days to 14 days.

CE Scholarships Report

The annual budget for continuing education scholarships is \$7,000. Of that total, \$3,500 is paid directly to APL for use toward staff professional development as indicated in our service agreement. The remaining \$3,500 is distributed to directors, staff, and library trustees of other OWLS member libraries in accordance with the CE scholarships policy. OWLS trustees and Fox Valley Literacy staff are also eligible. The following scholarships were distributed in 2021:

Appleton Public Library	Resource Library Agreement	\$3,500.00
Clintonville Public Library	Virtual ALA Conference attendance for Director and Technical Services Librarian	\$498.00
Neuschafer Community Library	Participation in WiLS Strategic Planning Cohort	\$937.50
Kimberly Public Library	Staff member attendance at Wisconsin Library Association conference	\$309.08
Kaukauna Public Library	Assistant Director registration for Wisconsin Library Association conference	\$195.00
Waupaca Area Public Library	Children's Librarian attendance at National Summer Learning Association conference	\$525.00
	TOTAL	\$5,974.58