

## **OWLS Director report**

May 14, 2015 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Meetings and activities since the last OWLS board meeting include:

- Fox Cities Book Festival is complete. Anne Paterson and Evan Bend put in quite a bit of time assisting with the festival. Evan did technical support and Anne worked on the authors committee, website updating and website content.
- Bradley did a presentation to the Shawano County libraries about the InfoSoup Memory Project. It's likely that they'll be starting up a collection in the next year.
- Bradley attended a meeting of all of the system Special Needs consultants.
- Bradley attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Enterprising Nonprofits conference, put on by the Volunteer Center of Northeast Wisconsin, and many other sponsors. It's a regional non-profit networking opportunity, which was very useful.
- I visited the Shiocton library twice to assist with interviewing for a new library director. They've extended an offer to a candidate, and the offer has been accepted. The candidate is expected to start the last week of May.
- I attended the SRLAAW meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and briefly met with WiLS and Winnefox staff to discuss the joint planning process.

Evan is continuing to work on setting up the Encore server, while Dave has almost completed the work of setting up the Encore backups. There has been a flurry of emails back and forth between Dave, Evan and Innovative staff. They are making good progress and we hope to release it to libraries to start viewing in-house after the next AAC meeting (assuming enough problems are resolved between now and then.)

Dave is working on learning our new VPN appliance, which will eventually allow our libraries to use Sierra in the wild. It's been a steep learning curve, as this isn't something that he's managed before, but progress has been good, and he's starting to test it on office laptops.