

OWLS Director report

November 16, 2017 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

I will be taking vacation November 20-22.

Project Updates

All OWLSnet member libraries have migrated to Office 365 email. We have also moved all our email distribution lists to the new email platform. The old email server will remain online and continue to forward emails sent to mail.owls or mail.nfls domains for a few more months. If you haven't already, please update your contacts to reflect my new OWLS email address. (bshipps@owlsweb.org).

The AAC Locally Controlled Collections (aka "Lucky Day") committee has met online twice since the September AAC meeting. We are contacting other systems to learn how locally controlled collections are structured at their member libraries and contacting libraries to learn more about the implementation and impact of these collections.

The AAC Meeting Format Committee met on October 25 to follow up on discussion at the September AAC meeting regarding providing an option for members to attend AAC meetings remotely. The committee is currently researching options and plans to meet again before the next AAC meeting to form a recommendation.

Library News

The Hortonville and Shiocton Public Libraries have both launched director searches. I have shared documents with both library boards about hiring, interviewing, and new director orientation. I attended the Hortonville Public Library board meeting on November 7th, and I will continue to reach out to both library boards to offer OWLS's support during these transitions.

I have been invited to the Appleton Public Library board meeting on November 14th to be introduced as the new OWLS Director.

I am hoping to schedule a meeting of OWLS member directors in December to discuss annual reports, workforce development, and planning.

PLSR update

One theme that has popped up in several recent PLSR meetings is that "now is the time" to get feedback to working groups on their service models before they submit their final reports to the steering committee. I will be meeting with key OWLS staff in November and December to compile feedback.

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