

OWLS Director report

July 14, 2016 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

- OWLS has hired a new Circulation Specialist. Molly will be starting at OWLS on August 10. Molly comes to us with experience at the Appleton Public Library and strong technology skills.
- OWLS is hiring a new Cataloging Librarian. Anne will be leaving us for the Appleton Public Library. While this is sad news for OWLS, it will make the transition for Appleton much easier.
- OWLS continues to have issues with billing of bandwidth with Teach bandwidth bills from the Department of Administration. Some of the issues have been resolved, but we're still waiting for resolution on the latest errors.
- OWLS is looking at increasing the bandwidth at the OWLS office. While it's not currently a problem, we're close to flat-lining at times, and won't be able to upgrade any more libraries until we have more bandwidth at the main office.
- The SAM computer management upgrades are nearly complete. We expect these to be completed by the end of next month.
- The Public Library System Redesign Project has had the first meeting of all of the workgroup members on June 22 in Madison, WI. The workgroups are:
 - Chapter 43 – reviewing the state law that provides funding for systems and making recommendations for changes.
 - Consulting – reviewing and analyzing how consulting services are currently provided in Wisconsin and other states and making recommendations for how these services can best be provided.
 - Continuing Education – exploring how to standardize and delivery continuing education by analyzing current practices in Wisconsin and other states.
 - Delivery – how to offer the most efficient and cost effective delivery of physical materials to and from public libraries in Wisconsin
 - Electronic Resources – how to continue and expand the coordination, purchasing, contracting and management of electronic resources for Wisconsin public libraries
 - ILL – studying existing models and make recommendations to obtain materials outside of the local ILS (secondary ILL) for all library types
 - ILS/Resource Discovery – evaluating existing ILS data and practices in Wisconsin and other states in order to develop joint standards, definitions for operations, and efficient and consistent delivery of services
 - Resource Libraries – making recommendations as to how System resource libraries ben best service the needs of Wisconsin library systems, public libraries and patrons
 - Technology – make recommendations on how Wisconsin public library system can best discover and implement new technology, facilitate technology infrastructure, and provide local technology support

WLA update

The Wisconsin Library Association is hosting a summer benefit on August 21 at the East Side Club on Lake Monona, WI. This is a wonderful way to enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon and evening and support the Wisconsin Library Association.

OWLS Board appointments

Cathy Thompson from the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors will be appointed to the OWLS Board on July 12.

Richard Goldsmith has resigned from the OWLS Board for personal reasons. He asked me to convey his best wishes to the Board. We now have a vacancy in Outagamie County.

Wisconsin Trustee Training Week 2016

There will be a webinar at noon each day of Wisconsin Trustee Training Week, August 22 to 26. I encourage you to take advantage of these free sessions which can be watched from your home, your office or the OWLS office. They can also be watched later if you are unable to watch the live session. Please note that you must register in advance.

If you'd like to watch one of these at the OWLS office, please contact me at 920-832-3906 or gmoeller@gmail.owls.lib.wi.us so I can set up the room in advance.

Monday, Aug 22	Duties of the 21 st Century Library Board Pat Wagner, Siera Learn
Tuesday, Aug 23	Engaged Planning: Ask What You Can Do For Your Community Cindy Fesemyer, Director, Columbus Public Library
Wednesday, Aug 24	The Green to Dream: Preparing for a Capital Campaign Karen Rose, Principal Consultant, Library Strategies
Thursday, Aug 25	Ensuring Director Success Catherin Hakala-Ausperk, Owner, Libraries Thrive Consulting
Friday, Aug 26	Wisconsin Trustees: You Ask, We'll Answer Panelists from the Indianhead Federated Library System, Milwaukee County Federated Library System the South Central Library System