

OWLS Director report

May 19, 2016 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

- OWLS staff are continuing to visit the new director at Black Creek, in support of our revamped orientation process. We're following our checklist of items and feel that we've got a much better process for introducing new directors to OWLS.
- April 28, Bradley attended the special needs meeting in De Forest
- April 28, Bradley attended the FVLC Board meeting
- May 3, Evan upgraded Encore, the public interface to InfoSoup. This was supposed to allow access to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) through Encore (among other things) but a piece of the upgrade was missed and will be done in the next few days. InfoSoup Memory items haven't yet been harvested into DPLA (they have a lengthy process for this) so once both of these pieces are done, we'll have a demonstration at the board meeting of InfoSoup Memory through DPLA in InfoSoup.
- Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) is considering increasing member library contributions to reduce Overdrive holds queues and continue the magazine project. Evan Bend and Beth Carpenter held two Go to Meetings with OWLS member libraries to discuss their reactions to the proposals.
- The SAM 10 and Windows 10 upgrade project is continuing.
- May 11 through 13 is the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) annual conference in Oshkosh, which several OWLS staff will be attending.
- I will be attending a System and Resource Library Administrator's Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW) meeting on Wednesday, May 11
- There will also be sessions on the new Collection Agency law and the Public Library System Redesign Process. I'll give more of an update on this at the board meeting.

Please note that the meeting agenda is going out a bit early this month because of the proposed bylaws change and WAPL. Normally the agenda is sent out on Friday, but it had to be sent out by Thursday at the latest. This will be going out on Wednesday because I'll be out of the office all day at the conference on Thursday.

Sad news for OWLS – Laura will be leaving OWLS in June. She and her husband will be moving out of the area. We'll be doing some cross-training during the transitional period. Advertisements for the open position have already been posted and we've started to receive applications. All of the relevant information is posted on the OWLS website at <http://www.owlsweb.org/>. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

At the next AAC meeting, we expect to have a full meeting. Here are a few of the topics we'll be discussing:

- OWLSnet budget and electronic resources
- E-rate update

- Lending wifi hotspots
- Purging Geac fines and bills
- SAM computers and fine blocking level
- Implementing collections in OWLSnet

I'll give an overview of these topics at the board meeting.