

OWLS Director Report

April 21, 2022 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Move to 3373 West Brewster Street

We have a short list of outstanding projects to complete our move to Brewster Street. Signs are scheduled for installation on Tuesday, 4/19. The separation of electric metering will be completed on Sunday, May 1. Blinds have been ordered. The County will install new furnaces and new window screens this spring. The Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 from 1-6pm.

Hoot-Con

OWLS is using LSTA professional development funds to host [Hoot-Con](#) on April 21 and 22 at the Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London. The event will provide opportunities for OWLS member directors and library staff to renew relationships, connect with nature, learn self-compassion, and have fun learning! Day one focuses on connecting library directors and assistant directors; day two emphasizes opportunities for all other library staff. Both days offer fun-filled opportunities to learn, connect, and explore. Stipends are available to reimburse each library for staffing-related costs to attend and to reimburse participants for mileage. We currently have 23 people registered for Thursday and 77 for Friday.

County Funding Update

I have run preliminary calculations for Outagamie County and Waupaca County funding in 2023. By Thursday evening, I hope to have completed calculations for all of the adjacent counties as well. I will share any significant variations from prior funding requests. Pandemic-related changes continue to impact our funding formulas.