

OWLS Director report

April 23, 2015 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

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

- AAC meeting was held on March 20
 - OWLSnet libraries voted to increase the maximum holds limit to 25. Individual libraries can now increase holds limits for their patrons up to 25
 - OWLSnet libraries recommended that we move forward with our Sierra in the Wild project
- Bradley started meeting with Waupaca County libraries about maker boxes project
- Dave is continuing his work setting up the Encore server and installing Encore. With lots of input from OWLSnet libraries, Evan has chosen the enhanced content options for Encore.
- OWLS participated in the Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference Jan 21 and 22
- We've submitted our enhancement requests to the Innovative Users Group as part of their annual process
- OWLS provided lunch to OWLS employees on April 2
- I visited the Iola library on March 26
- Anne and I attended the Innovative Users Group conference in Minneapolis April 13 to 16
- I've been working closely with the Shiocton library board during this transition time and will be sitting in on interviews for a new library director the end of April.

Work continues to proceed on Encore. Dave Bacon is continuing to work with Innovative on installing the new server and configuring the OS. Unfortunately, on Friday, April 3, I received a call around 7:00 AM from one of the OWLS libraries, stating that they were unable to log in. Our Sierra systems was down until about 1:30. We eventually learned that the problem was caused by a misconfiguration of the Encore software. I've had numerous conversations with Innovative about the problem, and met with several Innovative folks at the IUG conference to talk about the problem.

OWLS has received a proposal from WiLS for a parallel planning process with the Winnefox Library System. It is still in a draft state, but we're scheduling a conference call later this month to discuss more of the details.