

OWLS Director report

February 20, 2020 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Library Legislative Day

Forsythe, Buchholz, and Shipps attended Library Legislative Day on February 11. Libraries represented included Appleton, Clintonville, Kimberly-Little Chute, Seymour, and Waupaca. WLA lobbyist Steve Conway shared a goal to double this year's attendance in 2021 when we will be asking for an increase in system aid. Forsythe and Shipps suggest that the OWLS Board consider reimbursing expenses for Trustees attending Library Legislative Day next year. We will take this up at a future meeting.

APL Compliance Plan

Appleton Public Library has received the data they require in order to submit their 2019 annual report to the state by the statutory deadline of February 29, 2020. Thanks go to the library and city staff for their efforts to expedite the process in accordance with the compliance plan.

ILS Migration Update

At the January AAC meeting, OWLSnet member libraries expressed a preference to launch the Bibliocommons discovery layer as soon as possible after we go live with TLC's CARL-X. We anticipate roughly 6 months will be needed.

Our VPN tunnel to the site of our hosted ILS servers has been established. The migration team has been busy with regular design sessions scheduled January 28 through March 25. At this time, everything seems to be proceeding on schedule.

Census 2020

Libraries are promoting the 2020 Census in a variety of ways including sharing information on web sites, displaying posters and flyers in the library and communities, hosting census representatives and recruiters, providing meeting rooms for training census workers, hosting public census events with local leaders, and sharing posts on social media. A postcard designed by OWLS Marketing Coordinator, Chad Glamann, is being printed by the county for distribution to other partner organizations. Feedback from the county includes, "The libraries are awesome partners!"

Dissolution of Joint Kimberly-Little Chute Library

In 2019, the villages of Kimberly and Little Chute decided to end their joint library agreement effective January 2, 2021. In December, I sent letters to both village administrators outlining the steps to establish two independent libraries (a copy is included in your packet). I am monitoring the processes.

Save the Dates!

- Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference, April 29-May 1, 2020 in Oshkosh
- Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Conference, October 27-30, 2020 in Green Bay
- Library Legislative Day, February 16, 2021 in Madison