OWLS Director report
June 21, 2018 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Staff
Our new administrative assistant, Liz Kauth, started on June 4th. One of her roles, among many, will be helping coordinate board meetings. Please communicate with Liz if you cannot make a meeting, would like a packet printed, need a ride, etc.

This summer OWLS has a digitization preservation intern through Recollection Wisconsin, Kristina Warner. Kristina will help us develop a digital preservation service for member libraries participating in Recollection Wisconsin by setting up a data management plan, creating documentation, and developing an ongoing strategy to preserve the integrity of their master image files and metadata. The initial goal is to collect and preserve legacy data and set us up to efficiently and consistently incorporate future projects into the preservation workflow. OWLSnet Manager, Amanda Lee, is supervising the internship.

ILS Exploration
The ILS merger exploration with Winnefox is proceeding. The committee will meet again on June 20th. Key topics under discussion are resource sharing, governance, and cost sharing with the goal of making a recommendation by the end of July whether or not to continue the exploration. The committee plans to meet again in July. OWLS trustees are welcome to attend all meetings. The committee has a web site where you will find a list of members and various background documents, including meeting agendas, minutes, and more to come: https://sites.google.com/view/samarbeid/home.

PLSR
Over the past several months, members of the PLSR Steering Committee along with the Core Recommendation Collaborators have been discussing possible structures for providing services to public libraries in Wisconsin. These discussions have been facilitated by Russell Consulting, Inc.

The preliminary results from those administration/funding/governance structure model discussions are now available for comment on the PLSR website at http://www.plsr.info/recommendation-development-phase/. This page has a link to a feedback survey to capture community comments.

Library staff, library boards, system staff, system boards and other interested individuals are encouraged to share comments. **The comment period for the models runs June 11 – July 20.**

Your feedback will provide information for the Model Development Summit that will include the Steering Committee, Core Recommendation Collaborators, DPI Staff, and 45 additional Model Development Summit Participants. Once the comment period closes, *each and every comment will be reviewed* by all of the participants as they begin their work to help develop the final recommendation for inclusion in the final Steering Committee report.