

OWLS Director report

March 15, 2018 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Project Updates

Annual reports for OWLS and all member libraries have all been approved and submitted to DPI.

The ILS merger exploration with Winnefox is proceeding. Committee members have been appointed, co-chairs elected, and the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st from 10:00 am to noon at the Appleton Public Library. OWLS trustees are welcome to attend. The committee has a web site where you will find a list of members and various background documents, with meeting agendas, minutes, and more to come: <https://sites.google.com/view/samarbeid/home>. The ILS merger exploration is included on the March 16 AAC agenda.

Immediately after the ILS meeting on the 21st, staff from OWLS, NFLS, WLS, and MCLS will meet to discuss regional collaboration on continuing education.

There will be a meeting of OWLS member library directors on April 13th from noon to 4:00 pm at Appleton Public Library. Topics will include the ILS merger exploration, best practices for county billing, workforce development, and OWLS design and marketing services.

Library News

There will be an open house for the Appleton Public Library mixed-use development project on Thursday, March 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm, which unfortunately conflicts with our monthly meeting. The public will be welcome to come and view display boards and hear a presentation from Mayor Hanna and the development team to learn more about the project. There will be a question and answer session.

There will be a joint meeting of the City of Appleton Finance and Library Building and Equipment committees on March 26th at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. This meeting will include time set aside for public participation.

Elizabeth Timmins, director of the Muehl Public Library, is representing OWLS at the first Inclusive Services Institute. The Inclusive Services Institute is a professional development and workgroup opportunity for Wisconsin public library and regional system staff who are committed to making Wisconsin libraries more inclusive to all community members and potential library users.

Upcoming Trustee Workshop

Trustee 201: The Library Board as Employer

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Muehl Public Library, 436 N. Main Street, Seymour
Register: <https://extranet.winnefox.org/ce/Trustee201-Seymour>