

## **OWLS Director Report**

May 19, 2022 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

### **OWLS Open House at Brewster Street on May 25**

The Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 from 1-6pm. Invitations were sent via email and mail between April 28 and May 3. Staff will greet visitors and take them on a brief tour of the office, ending in the meeting room where we will have a looping slideshow and snacks. We will share informational handouts and Infosoup bookmarks. We hope to see many of you there.

### **Hiring Update**

The Consulting & Outreach Librarian position was posted on May 4<sup>th</sup> with an application deadline of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline will be extended if necessary.

### **County Funding Update**

I have recently been in discussion with Winnefox and MCLS regarding Winnebago and Calumet counties, respectively. On Wednesday, May 18, I will remotely attend the Calumet County Library Services Advisory Committee meeting and will share a report from that meeting with the OWLS Board on Thursday.

### **WLA Membership for Trustees**

The Wisconsin Library Association now also offers a tiered dues structure for library trustees, friends, and foundation board members. Contact WLA Executive Director, Laura Sauser at [sauser@wisconsinlibraries.org](mailto:sauser@wisconsinlibraries.org) for more information. OWLS Trustees are encouraged to join WLA and attend the annual WLA Conference, which has a special track of sessions tailored for trustees and friends.

### **SRLAAW Report**

On Wednesday, May 11, I attended the quarterly meeting of the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW). Several affiliated organizations present reports at this meeting, including DPI, WILS, WPLC, WLA, COLAND, and Recollection Wisconsin. If you would like to read some or all of the written reports submitted by those organizations, please contact me. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Discussion of an upcoming LSTA-funded Library Staff Salary & Wage Study. SRLAAW will form a workgroup to guide the project.
- Discussion of how systems handle performance and/or bonus pay for staff.
- Discussion of recent First Amendment audits and materials challenges around the state.

With materials challenges increasing nationwide, it was suggested that system and library boards review and vote to adopt or re-affirm the ALA's Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read statement.

The next meeting will be in August in Wausau.

### **WPLC Report**

The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) held their annual membership meeting on Wednesday, May 11 in conjunction with the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference. WPLC oversees the statewide OverDrive collection among other projects. Slides from the annual meeting can be viewed here:

<https://wplc.info/sites/wplc.info/files/WPLC%20Annual%20Meeting%202022.pdf>

The WPLC Board met immediately after the general meeting. Highlights of that meeting included changes to the Collection Development and Title Reconsideration Process to clarify how challenges to digital materials will be handled and discussion of funding opportunities for improvements at the SCLS data center, which supports the statewide back-up and archives project.

### **COLAND Opening**

Are you looking for an opportunity to advocate for Wisconsin libraries at a statewide level? Would you like to be part of the conversation to work toward building equity through Wisconsin libraries and their partner organizations? Do you want to learn about innovations and projects being done at libraries across the state and hear about the creative solutions library staff are developing to address challenges they've faced over the past couple years? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions then you should apply to be on COLAND, the Council of Library and Network Development. COLAND has an opening for a public member (not a library professional) beginning in July. The Council meets every other month at host libraries and school districts throughout the state. Through the pandemic, meetings have been held virtually, but are beginning to return to in-person meetings. Appointments to COLAND are for three years.

For more information about COLAND go to this site - <https://dpi.wi.gov/coland>

You can go here to APPLY: [https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Application\\_Process.aspx](https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Application_Process.aspx)