

OWLS Director report

October 17, 2019 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

County Plans

A public hearing on the *Waupaca County Library Service Plan: 2020-2024* will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981, Room 1068.

On Tuesday, October 8, the Outagamie County Finance Committee voted to recommend adoption of the *Outagamie County Library Service Plan: 2020-2024*

ILS Platform Selection

The OWLSnet ILS platform selection committee participated in a follow-up meeting with SirsiDynix on October 17th. They will participate in two additional vendor demos on October 22nd and 23rd and hold a final committee meeting on October 30th before making a platform recommendation to AAC on November 15th. We expect to be signing an ILS contract by the end of November.

Wisconsin Library Association Conference

Amanda Lee, Chad Glamann, and I attended the WLA Conference last week. I look forward to sharing information about the census and voter registration resources with member libraries. Amanda attended sessions on technical services and accessibility. Chad attended sessions on marketing and advocacy. As always, it was a great opportunity to pursue professional development and connect with librarians from across the state. OWLS Trustee, Pete Gilbert, was also in attendance. Trustees are encouraged to attend future conferences, especially on Thursday when several sessions are geared toward Trustees and Friends.

End of ILS Merger Exploration with Winnefox

On September 20th, we received a response to our NOW Consortium Proposal indicating that Winnefox no longer wishes to pursue the goal of a shared ILS platform. OWLS and Winnefox will now take at least a year hiatus on collaboration while we both pursue projects related to local system development. There may be interest in future discussions of a shared discovery layer.

OWLS Trustee Recruitment

Longtime OWLS Trustee, Carol Diehl, has indicated her intention to step down at the end of her term in December. We will need a new OWLS Trustee from Outagamie County. Hortonville and Shiocton are currently unrepresented on the OWLS Board, so I have reached out to the library directors in those communities for recommendations. Recommendations from OWLS Trustees are also welcome.