

OWLS Director report

July 16, 2015 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

OWLS Meetings and activities since the last OWLS board meeting include:

- OWLS coordinated a Continuing Education event with the Appleton Public School District – Teaming up for College Readiness
- The professional staff had several meetings to talk about the OWLS table of organization
- Evan visited Marion June 25
- Bradley attended NonProfitNext at FVTC on June 25
- Evan and Bradley met with the Appleton Public Library to discuss the future of digitization projects and storage at OWLS
- Dave Bacon continued to work with the Kaukauna library on preparations for their new building

OWLS has received an Open Records Request for WiscNet invoices and information from the last 3 years. Other Wisconsin Library Systems have also received this request.

The Washington Island library's bandwidth upgrade has been completed. Because of the location of the library, fiber Internet was not possible, but they were upgraded from 3 Mbps to 10 Mbps over copper, which matches the current bandwidth of most of the OWLSnet libraries.

OWLS is listed as the eligible applicant for the 2016 Digital Public Library of American (DPLA) Participation Support grant.

Bradley Shipps has been invited to speak at WilsWorld in July about metadata. Congrats, Bradley!

The planning process with Winnefox has been delayed as WiLS was having a difficult time finding a time when all of the focus group participants can meet. However, we continue to discuss the process, including communication, guiding principles and workgroup outcomes.

The Black Creek library was closed for a few days in July due to a furnace problem. The library had quite a bit of smoke in the building, but the cleaners came in and were able to take care of the problem.

Wisconsin Trustee Training Week is August 17 to 21. This consists of a week of hour long webinars held each day at noon. There is no cost to attend, but you do need to register. I'd recommend Wednesday's session: *A New Vision: Why Wisconsin Needs Libraries More Than Ever* and Friday's session: *Wisconsin Trustees: You Ask, We'll Answer* as appropriate for all OWLS trustees. Registration is here:

<http://www.wistrusteetraining.com/register.html>