

OWLS Director Report

July 17, 2025 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Groundbreakings!

New London Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony for their building project on June 10th and Neuschafer Community Library in Fremont held theirs on July 1st.



IMLS Authorization and Funding

DPI has received the full amount of IMLS funding expected for the 2025 fiscal year. This means that related services and staff are funded through September 2026. The current focus of advocacy is securing funding for IMLS in the upcoming federal budget and reauthorization of the agency by Congress prior to October 1, 2025. The statewide postcard campaign concludes on July 25th.

Visits to Member Library Boards

Bradley and Kristin have completed eight board visits to: Weyauwega, Kaukauna, Fremont, Shiocton, Marion, Manawa, Clintonville, and Little Chute. OWLS Trustees are invited to attend these meetings. Please contact Bradley if you would like to join us on any of these visits:

- Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30 p.m. at Scandinavia Public Library
- Monday, August 4th, 5:30 p.m. at Muehl Public Library in Seymour
- Monday, August 18th, 4:00 p.m. at Kimberly Public Library
- Wednesday, August 20th, 4:30 p.m. at Waupaca Area Public Library
- Tuesday, September 2nd, 6:00 p.m. at Black Creek Village Library
- Tuesday, September 18th, 4:30 p.m. at Appleton Public Library

Upcoming OWLS Board and Committee Meetings

- Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee
- Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Executive Committee
- Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting