

OWLS Director Report

February 15, 2024 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Staff Update

Office Assistant Danielle Kramer has accepted the additional role of Circulation Specialist, starting February 14, 2024. Molly and Amanda will train Danielle on her new duties, which will then allow Molly to dedicate more time to her new position as Training Librarian.

Hoot Con 2024

Registration will close February 16th for three events:

- Thursday, March 7th at Brown County Central Library
- Friday, March 8th at Stephenson Public Library in Marinette
- Tuesday, March 12th at Little Chute Public Library

Agendas and session descriptions can be found here: <https://hoot-con.owlswp.org/>

Library Annual Reports

OWLS and NFLS have collaborated on the review of library annual reports this year. We shared and standardized our review procedures. Bradley and Tracy have alternated hosting annual reports office hours online every Friday afternoon. Kristin created a series of nine brief videos totaling 48 minutes about various sections of the annual report. The videos were shared with library directors as our first Niche Academy tutorial. Usage stats show 182 views of individual videos so far, and we have received several positive comments. As of February 13th, eight out of seventeen OWLS libraries have submitted their annual reports for review by the system. Reports are due February 29th.

Of note in the 2023 statistics, physical circulation is up 4% and digital circulation (while still missing some Hoopla stats) is up 6%.