

OWLS Director Report

January 18, 2024 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Library Legislative Day

Bradley, Kristin, Bobbie, Mitesh, and Diane will be attending Library Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 6th.

The day will start out with a morning session and continental breakfast at the Best Western Premier Park Hotel (22 S Carroll St, Madison, WI 53703), followed by appointments with state legislators in the State Capitol building. While early registration is preferred, on-site registrations are accepted.

Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference

The twelfth annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference will be held online on January 24th and 25th. Sessions include, *Neutrality Is Not an Option: Book Bans, "Culture Wars," and Advocating for the Library*, *Storytelling for Impact*, and *How to be Heard (Without Screaming!)*. Register for a single webinar or eight at no charge. Learn more here:

<https://www.wildwiscwinterweb.com/>

League of Women Voters Holiday Brunch

On Saturday, December 16th, I had the pleasure of participating in a panel discussion on intellectual freedom at the League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities holiday brunch. My fellow panelists were Appleton Public Library Director, Colleen Rortvedt, Hortonville Public Library Director, Allie Krause, and library champion and elected official, Nick Ross. The format was question and answer, and LWV members had great questions for us. We distributed bookmarks, stickers, and copies of the ALA Freedom to Read pamphlet.

Appleton Public Library Move

APL closed at their Kensington location on November 22nd and re-opened at their new temporary location, 3000 East College Avenue, on Monday, January 8th. Everyone at APL should be commended on the success of this enormous undertaking. OWLS staff are eagerly looking forward to doing our small part in their move back to Oneida Street when the beautifully renovated and expanded library opens next year.