

OWLS Acting Director report

June 15, 2017 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Staff at OWLS

The new ILS/Technology Coordinator, John Luke, started on June 7th. Evan, Patty, Molly, and I have all contributed to his training so far. On Tuesday, 6/13, John will observe circulation training being conducted by Molly at Kimberly.

We have increased the hours of our temporary Administrative Assistant, Aja Freeman, from 20 to 25 hours per week. She continues to keep us on top of printing requests in the absence of a Graphic Arts Specialist and is taking on new tasks every week.

Project Updates

The project to install 33 new routers at OWLSnet member libraries is running ahead of schedule, with more than half of the new routers in place.

The project to move OWLSnet email services from a local server to Office 365 is underway. Waupaca is serving as a test site. We hope to roll out the new service to all libraries in the fall.

Library News

Iola Public Library announced that they will be increasing their library by 2,900 square feet with hopes of a November 2017 ground break.

Keri Rose at Hortonville Public Library and Rebecca Hoffman at Marion Public Library, WI were selected to participate in the 2017 Wisconsin Youth Services Development Institute. The institute provides professional development and networking for Wisconsin public library staff who serve babies, children, and teens in smaller public libraries.

Kristi Pennebecker of Weyauwega Public Library received exciting news that the WPLC User / Non-User Survey Workgroup accepted her research project proposal. Weyauwega will receive private and free consultations with Morrill Solutions Research to refine and implement their survey to investigate building renovation or expansion and to analyze their results.

Appleton Public Library will soon launch a new mobile app on the Boopsie platform. The app allows patrons to locate books, movies, music and more with easy search features designed for mobile devices. Learn more or download the app here: <http://appleton.boopsie.com/>

PLSR update

The PLSR Steering Committee will be hosting a virtual Q & A session on Tuesday, June 20th 12-1pm. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please submit them to plsrprojects@wils.org by June 13th. You can connect to the meeting in the following ways:

- ***From your computer, tablet or smartphone:***
 - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/124286445>
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