

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
Winnefox Library Directors
Winnefox Staff
From: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe
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Re: System issues
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There are several developments of which we wish to inform you.

Winnefox and OWLS are planning to contract with WiLS for a joint examination of system services with the aim of finding areas where the two systems can work more closely together to benefit all our libraries. A Memorandum of Understanding detailing the proposed process will be submitted to the Winnefox Board for consideration at its May 27 regular meeting. This process will include a committee of directors from both systems, as well as system staff.

As some of you know, Jefferson County is in the process of leaving the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System and forming a new two-county system with Waukesha County. At WAPL we were approached by several Dodge Co. library directors asking if we could meet with directors in the remaining Mid-Wisconsin counties (Dodge & Washington) to talk about Winnefox costs and services. They plan to hold similar sessions with staff from other neighboring systems. We expect to meet with them sometime in June.

As we work through these processes we will continue to provide the best services we can to our member libraries. Given the continued tight funding from the state we cannot continue to operate as we have. We have made changes and will continue to do so. We will involve member library directors as much as possible and make these processes as open and transparent as we can.

An extranet page has been set up to hold documents relating to this process at <http://extranet.winnefox.org/planning2015>