

OWLSnet Fee Increase for 2023

Proposed to AAC on May 20, 2022

OWLS proposes a 2% increase to the total amount charged to OWLSnet member libraries in 2023. A 2% increase amounts to \$11,580 spread across 30 libraries.

Your library's fee may change by a different percentage due to fluctuations in your formula variables. Please see the following page for your projected fee.

Considerations

- We have not increased OWLSnet fees in over five years.
- OWLS and NFLS allocated an additional \$50,000 in system funds to the OWLSnet budget in 2022.
- Costs are increasing in general. In particular, we have been warned by other systems to expect a steep increase in our cyber security insurance.
- A 2% fee increase likely will cover only part of the annual cost of a catalog app.
- We would likely need another modest fee increase in 2024.

Alternatives to Raising Fees

If AAC does not approve a fee increase for 2023, we would explore other ways to balance the OWLSnet budget. These options would be discussed in more detail with AAC in July.

- We could decide not to purchase a catalog app.
- We could purchase the catalog app, but cut one or more items elsewhere, such as:
 - Databases (Ancestry, Tumblebooks, Newspaper Archive, Novelist)
 - Outside consulting
 - OWLS staff training
 - OWLS staff conference attendance
- I could ask the OWLS Board to apply reserve funds to balance the OWLSnet budget. However, using reserves for operations is not a long-term solution.

OWLSnet Fees for 2023 with 2% increase

Recommended by AAC xx/xx/xxxx

Approved by OWLS Board xx/xx/xxxx

| Library | Fees | | | Credits | 2023 FEE | 2022 FEE | Difference |
|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | Base Fee | School library | Circ/Items/Pop | Cataloging | | | |
| Algoma | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$7,421 | \$0 | \$11,021 | \$11,050 | -\$29 |
| Appleton | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$83,793 | -\$25,000 | \$62,393 | \$61,206 | \$1,187 |
| Black Creek | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$8,234 | \$0 | \$11,834 | \$11,396 | \$438 |
| Clintonville | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$12,775 | \$0 | \$16,375 | \$16,792 | -\$417 |
| Door | \$28,800 | \$0 | \$40,653 | \$0 | \$69,453 | \$67,688 | \$1,765 |
| Florence | \$3,600 | \$4,100 | \$3,703 | \$0 | \$11,403 | \$11,844 | -\$440 |
| Fremont | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$4,111 | \$0 | \$7,711 | \$7,822 | -\$111 |
| Gillett | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,900 | \$0 | \$6,500 | \$6,651 | -\$151 |
| Hortonville | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$11,887 | \$0 | \$15,487 | \$14,776 | \$711 |
| Iola | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,776 | \$0 | \$9,376 | \$9,197 | \$179 |
| Kaukauna | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$24,876 | \$0 | \$28,476 | \$27,601 | \$875 |
| Kewaunee | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$8,105 | \$0 | \$11,705 | \$11,291 | \$414 |
| Kimberly | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$23,077 | \$0 | \$26,677 | \$25,262 | \$1,414 |
| Lakewood | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,691 | \$0 | \$9,291 | \$9,101 | \$190 |
| Lena | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$1,958 | \$0 | \$5,558 | \$5,643 | -\$85 |
| Little Chute | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$22,329 | \$0 | \$25,929 | \$24,014 | \$1,915 |
| Manawa | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,734 | \$0 | \$9,334 | \$9,125 | \$209 |
| Marinette | \$23,400 | \$0 | \$35,837 | \$0 | \$59,237 | \$58,464 | \$773 |
| Marion | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,546 | \$0 | \$9,146 | \$8,525 | \$621 |
| New London | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$13,939 | \$0 | \$17,539 | \$17,543 | -\$4 |
| Oconto | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$7,883 | \$0 | \$11,483 | \$11,524 | -\$41 |
| Oconto Falls | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$8,855 | \$0 | \$12,455 | \$12,246 | \$208 |
| Oneida | \$7,200 | \$0 | \$5,986 | \$0 | \$13,186 | \$13,402 | -\$215 |
| Scandinavia | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,102 | \$0 | \$5,702 | \$5,438 | \$263 |
| Seymour | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$9,433 | \$0 | \$13,033 | \$12,867 | \$166 |
| Shawano | \$19,800 | \$4,100 | \$35,208 | \$0 | \$59,108 | \$57,913 | \$1,195 |
| Shiocton | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,670 | \$0 | \$6,270 | \$6,208 | \$62 |
| Suring | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$3,613 | \$0 | \$7,213 | \$7,031 | \$182 |
| Waupaca | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$23,991 | \$0 | \$27,591 | \$27,460 | \$131 |
| Weyauwega | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$6,453 | \$0 | \$10,053 | \$9,878 | \$175 |

OWLSnet Fees for 2023 with 0% increase

Recommended by AAC xx/xx/xxxx

Approved by OWLS Board xx/xx/xxxx

| Library | Fees | | | Credits | | 2023 FEE | 2022 FEE | Difference |
|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|------------|--|----------|----------|------------|
| | Base Fee | School library | Circ/Items/Pop | Cataloging | | | | |
| Algoma | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$7,237 | \$0 | | \$10,837 | \$11,050 | -\$213 |
| Appleton | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$80,873 | -\$25,000 | | \$59,473 | \$61,206 | -\$1,733 |
| Black Creek | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$8,030 | \$0 | | \$11,630 | \$11,396 | \$235 |
| Clintonville | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$12,460 | \$0 | | \$16,060 | \$16,792 | -\$733 |
| Door | \$28,800 | \$0 | \$39,649 | \$0 | | \$68,449 | \$67,688 | \$761 |
| Florence | \$3,600 | \$4,100 | \$3,612 | \$0 | | \$11,312 | \$11,844 | -\$532 |
| Fremont | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$4,009 | \$0 | | \$7,609 | \$7,822 | -\$212 |
| Gillett | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,828 | \$0 | | \$6,428 | \$6,651 | -\$223 |
| Hortonville | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$11,594 | \$0 | | \$15,194 | \$14,776 | \$418 |
| Iola | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,633 | \$0 | | \$9,233 | \$9,197 | \$36 |
| Kaukauna | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$24,263 | \$0 | | \$27,863 | \$27,601 | \$262 |
| Kewaunee | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$7,905 | \$0 | | \$11,505 | \$11,291 | \$214 |
| Kimberly | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$22,507 | \$0 | | \$26,107 | \$25,262 | \$845 |
| Lakewood | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,551 | \$0 | | \$9,151 | \$9,101 | \$49 |
| Lena | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$1,910 | \$0 | | \$5,510 | \$5,643 | -\$133 |
| Little Chute | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$21,778 | \$0 | | \$25,378 | \$24,014 | \$1,364 |
| Manawa | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,593 | \$0 | | \$9,193 | \$9,125 | \$67 |
| Marinette | \$23,400 | \$0 | \$34,953 | \$0 | | \$58,353 | \$58,464 | -\$111 |
| Marion | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$5,409 | \$0 | | \$9,009 | \$8,525 | \$484 |
| New London | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$13,595 | \$0 | | \$17,195 | \$17,543 | -\$348 |
| Oconto | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$7,688 | \$0 | | \$11,288 | \$11,524 | -\$236 |
| Oconto Falls | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$8,636 | \$0 | | \$12,236 | \$12,246 | -\$10 |
| Oneida | \$7,200 | \$0 | \$5,838 | \$0 | | \$13,038 | \$13,402 | -\$363 |
| Scandinavia | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,050 | \$0 | | \$5,650 | \$5,438 | \$211 |
| Seymour | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$9,200 | \$0 | | \$12,800 | \$12,867 | -\$67 |
| Shawano | \$19,800 | \$4,100 | \$34,338 | \$0 | | \$58,238 | \$57,913 | \$325 |
| Shiocton | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$2,604 | \$0 | | \$6,204 | \$6,208 | -\$5 |
| Suring | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$3,524 | \$0 | | \$7,124 | \$7,031 | \$93 |
| Waupaca | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$23,400 | \$0 | | \$27,000 | \$27,460 | -\$460 |
| Weyauwega | \$3,600 | \$0 | \$6,293 | \$0 | | \$9,893 | \$9,878 | \$15 |