



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 2/22/2023
Re: HootCon

OWLS is hosting another conference this year on March 3. We did open the conference up to the part-time staff, with a few planning to attend a couple of sessions. Some of the sessions include: Boundaries for Better Librarianship, Trans-Inclusive Librarianship, CARL Conversations, WISCAT 101, Dynamite Dozen: 12 Items + Over 50 Teen and Tween Programs, and WPLC & Overdrive 101. I will be a part of the panel presenting the Trans-Inclusive Librarianship program as part of my participation this winter in the UW-Madison CE credit class, which was excellent. Board Member, Angela Schneider, will also be presenting at Hoot Con. Her presentation titled, Boundaries for Better Librarianship, will be offered as part of her role as the Public Library Development Consultant at Winnifox.

There will be a keynote speech by Dawn Wacek titled, "Creating a Library for All: Belonging, Inclusion and Access." Some Board members may recall that back in the winter of 2019, I showed the Board her TED Talk during a meeting where I introduced the idea of dropping library fines. Her talk was what inspired me to push for a fine free policy. During the afternoon, I will be participating in the Director's Meeting, but many sessions will be repeated as well as a few new options including, BiblioCommons vs CARL Discovery, Cataloging 101, Mindfulness Training, Cataloging 102, and then a session about the Fox Cities Reads, which includes staff member Sarah Read.

