



106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901-4985

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2020
TO: Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe
RE: Reimbursement for rural use by residents of adjacent counties

Wisconsin Statutes section 43.12(1) requires counties to reimburse public libraries in adjacent counties for use by those of their residents whose municipalities do not support a public library. Libraries may bill adjacent counties for up to 70% of the cost of providing service. Whether or not to bill an adjacent county is the decision of each library board.

In 2021, I recommend that Oshkosh Public Library bill four adjacent counties as detailed below:

County	2019 Rural Circulation	2019 Cost per Circulation	2019 Cost of Rural Circulation	2020 Reimbursable Costs (70%)	2021 Reimbursable Costs (70%)
Calumet	71	\$5.45	\$387	\$178	\$271
Fond du Lac	8,872	\$5.45	\$48,352	\$29,227	\$33,846
Green Lake	367	\$5.45	\$2,000	\$1,721	\$1,400
Waushara	1,561	\$5.45	\$8,507	\$4,872	\$5,955
	10,123		Total:	\$35,998	\$41,472

These reimbursements have been in place since 2008 (based on 2006 circulation). The table on the next page provides the historical summary data on cross-county rural use of Oshkosh Public Library and the reimbursement payments that have been requested each year.

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Cross-county Use & Reimbursements, 2008 - 2020

Budget Yr.	Reimbursement Amt.	Circulation Yr	Circulation Amt.
2008	29,908	2006	12,974
2009	36,898	2007	15,851
2010	33,224	2008	14,972
2011	37,563	2009	16,769
2012	36,343	2010	15,685
2013	35,474	2011	15,219
2014	29,900	2012	12,944
2015	25,416	2013	10,555
2016	28,642	2014	11,241
2017	35,789	2015	12,379
2018	31,863	2016	9,917
2019	25,456	2017	7,624
2020	35,998	2018	10,123
2021	41,472	2019	10,871