

# Wisconsin's Public Library Systems

Stronger Libraries.

Stronger Communities. Stronger Wisconsin.



## Helping Libraries Help Their Communities

Wisconsin's public library systems were created in 1971 with a bold, simple goal: **make sure every Wisconsin resident, no matter their ZIP code, has access to high-quality library services.**

Today, all 467 public libraries belong to 15 regional systems that provide services no single library could manage alone.



## Library Systems Provide Critical Support

- Save money through shared services & economies of scale
- Strengthen local libraries through shared expertise
- Expand access by connecting libraries statewide
- Ensure strong standards of service across Wisconsin



## A Successful State and Local Partnership

### The State Provides:

- Funding
- A statewide framework
- Oversight and accountability

### Local Libraries Commit To:

- Having an appointed library board
- Employing a certified library director
- Sharing resources with patrons beyond their municipality



When you fund library systems, you fund strong communities.

Thank you for your continued investment in Wisconsin's libraries and the people who rely on them.



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# What Systems Make Possible

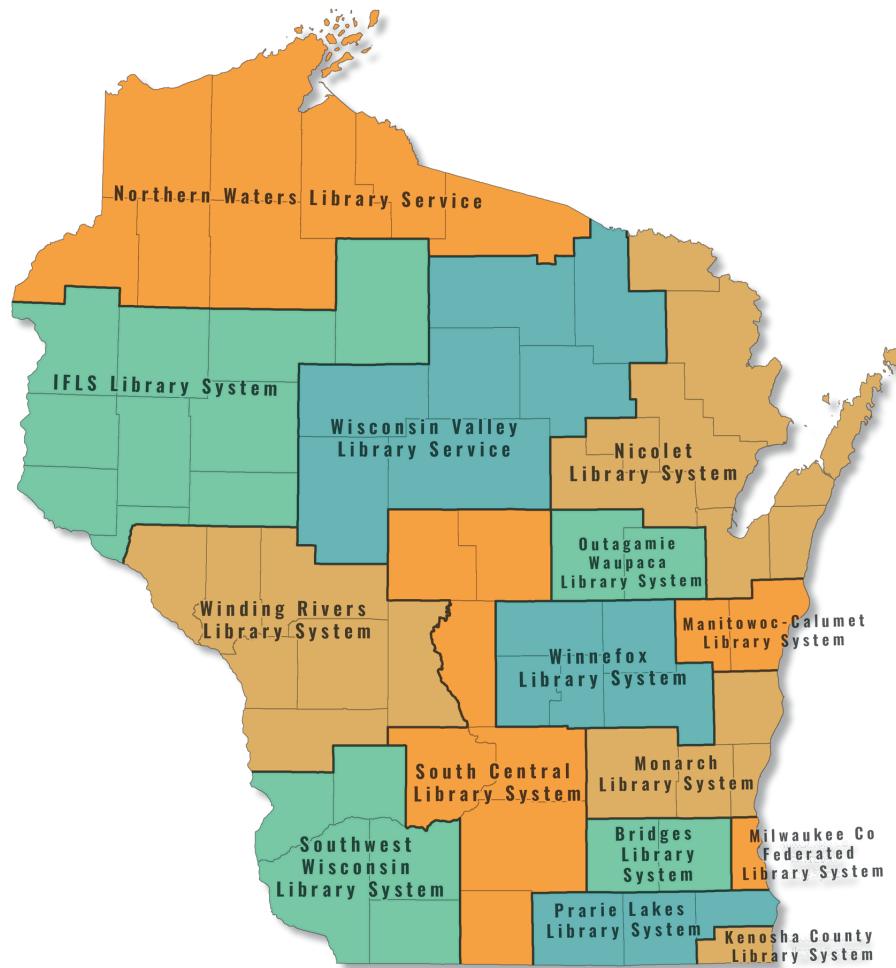
State aid to systems translates directly into tangible, cost-saving, high-impact services for local libraries and their communities. Here's what your library system delivers:

## Shared Online Catalogs

Collaboration and shared resources give patrons access to millions of items, while efficient system management saves staff time and improves service quality.

## Delivery & Resource Sharing

Wisconsin consistently ranks among the top three states for library resource sharing, made possible by the infrastructure and coordination provided by public library systems.



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## Training, Consulting & Continuing Education

Expert system support strengthens library services statewide while shared costs make them more affordable for every community.

## Technology, IT & Cybersecurity Support

Systems help protect libraries with network support and cybersecurity services that keep technology safe, reliable and affordable—saving thousands of dollars per library.



## Cost Savings for Local Communities

Shared services mean libraries don't have to duplicate expensive infrastructure.