

# 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.



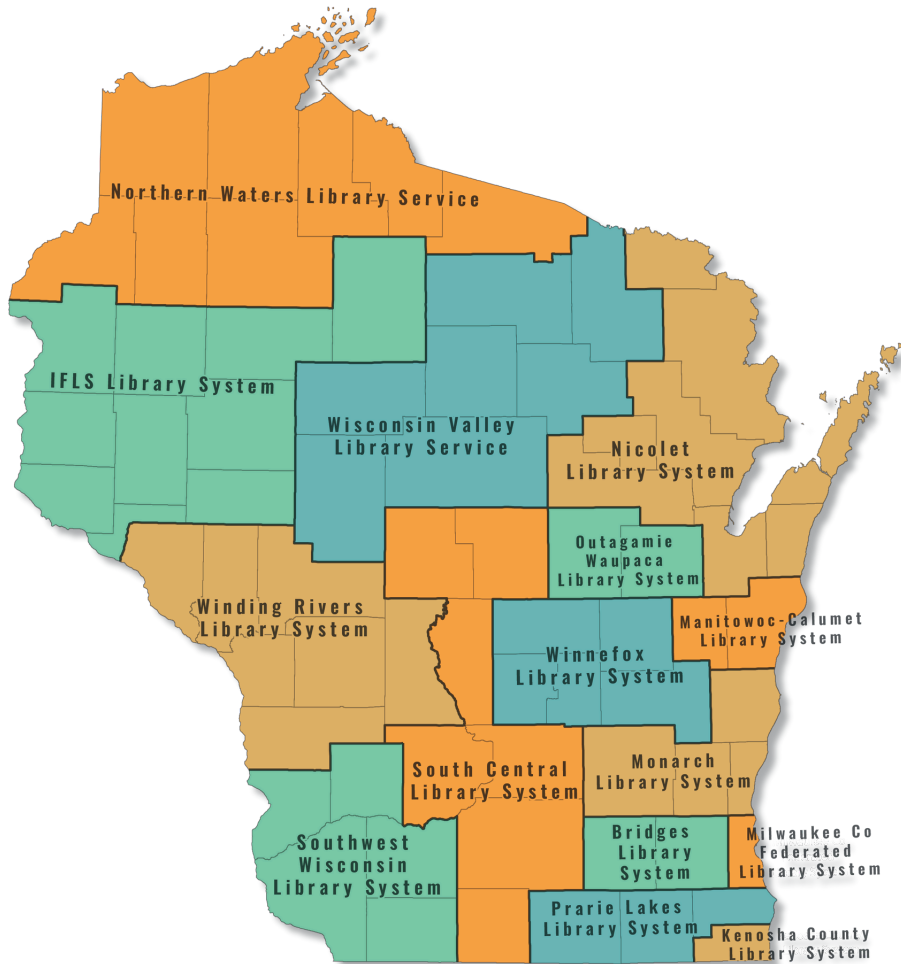
## Training, Consulting & Continuing Education

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.



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## Cost Savings for Local Communities

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