

Library Organizations

Wisconsin Public Library Development Team (PLDT)

Nutshell: Under the umbrella of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Public Library Development Team supports public libraries and regional systems on behalf of Wisconsin residents to ensure equitable access to library services. They strive to empower public library and regional system staff and stakeholders to aid in the fulfillment of community goals. Their main areas of service include administering state aid and federal funding, providing consultation and support, creating and coordinating continuing education, and developing tools and resources.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/pld>

Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning (RLLL)

Nutshell: Under the umbrella of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Library Services team supports education and lifelong learning by providing statewide services to educators, libraries, and Wisconsin residents. The electronic resources to support this endeavor include Wisconsin's Online Library Badgerlink, Wisconsin's Resource Sharing Platform WISCAT, and Wisconsin's Digital Archives.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/rl3>

Wisconsin Library Association (WLA)

The Wisconsin Library Association is a non-profit, professional membership organization that has provided service to the library community and Wisconsin's citizens since 1891. WLA represents librarians and library staff from school, public, academic and special libraries as well as students, trustees and library friends. Because of its broad membership base, WLA is concerned about the needs of all types of libraries in the state.

<https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/>

Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL)

The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries is a division of the Wisconsin Library Association and represents the interests of public librarians, support staff, trustees and friends representing public libraries throughout Wisconsin. WAPL members join together to help each other grow professionally, to discuss common concerns and to act together on public library issues.

<https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/public>

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Wisconsin Library Service (WiLS)

Wisconsin Library Service (WiLS) is a non-profit membership organization that facilitates collaborative projects and services to save members time and money and to advance library service. Most members are libraries, but they also work with cultural institutions, government agencies, and other non-profits to develop partnerships and projects. Currently, they aid in cooperative purchasing, consulting services, collaboration support, digital projects, event management and aiding members.

<https://www.wils.org/>

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC)

The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium was formed in 2001 as an organization in Wisconsin where library systems could partner on projects that move libraries forward through experimentation, research, and development. The main and most popular service the consortium has developed is Wisconsin's Digital Library.

<https://www.wplc.info/>

Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND)

The Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development was created by state legislature in 1979 to advise the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that all state citizens have access to library and information services. COLAND functions as a forum through which librarians and members of the public identify, study, and collect public testimony on issues affecting Wisconsin libraries and other information services.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/coland>

Wisconsin Small Libraries (WISL)

The purpose of the Wisconsin Small Libraries section of the WLA is to promote the common interests, activities, administration and services of all small libraries. WISL defines a small library as any public or non-public library staffed with 4 FTEs or less and serving a population less than 6,000, but they are happy to have any WLA member join.

<https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/small-libraries>