

# What is the WPLC?

The Wisconsin public library systems formed the WPLC in 2001 to move libraries forward through experimentation, research, and development. The consortium focuses on providing innovative library solutions to benefit all Wisconsin residents.

All public library systems in Wisconsin are partners in the WPLC and public libraries are WPLC members via their system membership.

## How Can You Help?

**Promote** WPLC resources to your user community

**Participate** in WPLC workgroups and committees

**Share** your ideas with the consortium

Email [wplc-info@wils.org](mailto:wplc-info@wils.org) to get started!

# WPLC Governance

Each public library system has a seat on the Board, the main governing body of the WPLC. Other committees and workgroups:

- Digital Library Steering Committee manages the operation of Wisconsin's Digital Library.
- Selection Committee chooses and buys content for the digital library.
- Collection Development Workgroup evaluates the composition of the digital collection with particular attention to known concerns and potential additions to the collection.
- Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee considers ways to leverage collaboration to foster enhanced digital access and preservation services for historical and local digital collections and maintains the historical newspaper project.

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# What does the WPLC offer?

## Wisconsin's Digital Library <https://widigitallibrary.org/>

The main and most popular service of the consortium is Wisconsin's Digital Library. Access digital audio and ebooks as well as other e-content from two providers: OverDrive and BiblioBoard.

- Available to all Wisconsin public library card holders
- Contains over 200,000 ebooks, digital audiobooks, and streaming videos
- Nine core collections from BiblioBoard can be accessed instantly - no waiting and no sign-in necessary!



## Author and Writer Resources <https://widigitallibrary.org/>

The WPLC offers resources for Wisconsin authors to self publish and share their work. Use Pressbooks and SELF-e to create and share original work.

The WPLC also launched a state-wide author contest in 2018 to help self-published authors get recognition for great work and share that work with Wisconsin readers.

## Historical and Digital Collections <https://wplc.info/newspapers>

The WPLC provides access to 85,000+ pages of historical newspapers from 12 Wisconsin communities and counting!



## WPLC Investigation and Experimentation

### User/Non-User Research <https://wplc.info/user-non-user>

The WPLC developed statewide surveys with a research consultant to train community members to develop research questions and gather data to answer those questions.

WPLC members and partners can access the training resources and research materials from this project.

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