

State Superintendent's Report on Intertype Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing, 2019-2021

Executive Summary

The State Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required to report on interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing each biennium. As stated in Wis. Stat. § 43.03(3)(d), the state superintendent shall submit to the council on library and network development a biennial report, which describes the programs and policies to promote cooperation and resource sharing among all types of libraries and to plan, coordinate, evaluate, and set statewide priorities for the development of networks to enable interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing carried out in the preceding biennium and the programs and policies to be carried out in the succeeding biennium. The following highlights the DPI and library organization activities between 2019-2021.

Highlights of Activities of Library Organizations Statewide

The Cooperative Children's' Book Center reported significant activities relating to equity and diversity, including converting the position of diversity librarian from 75% to 100%. The CCBC also created a free public interface allowing end-users to enter searches based on CCBC's diversity data to find characteristics such as book characters' race, ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ, and disability. In addition, CCBC digitized its complete run of the Council on Interracial Books for Children Bulletin in a working partnership with UW Digital Libraries.

The South Central Library System completed work aligned to the Public Library System Redesign project. The work included the facilitation of new local delivery hubs statewide, while seeking efficiencies with partner systems and local couriers by managing PLSR hub model implementation, continuing to explore the implementation of a northern delivery hub in central Wisconsin, and providing linking opportunities to the statewide network that streamlines the current model.

The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC), managed by WiLS, provides [Wisconsin's Digital Library](#) of eBooks, digital audiobooks, and more. In the past biennium, WPLC assessed collection usage and needs during the library and school building closures amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, in partnership with the DPI and WiLS.

The Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library celebrated its 60th anniversary, receiving a Certificate of Commendation from the Governor. The anniversary was celebrated in the [10.18.21 Interview on 88Nine radio](#).

Highlights of Activities led by the Department of Public Instruction

The DPI Library Services Team partnered with the American Library Association for a new, state-level community engagement training called Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities (WLTC). 12 teams, consisting of at least one library leader and at least one community leader, received training. Seven coaches were trained to support the work of the Teams and develop their own leadership skills.

The LSTA 2018-2022 Five-Year plan is being evaluated through a process led by WiLS. External stakeholders and Library Services team members have been engaged in the process.

The Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Steering Committee delivered the [Final Report of the Public Library System Redesign \(PLSR\) Steering Committee](#) to the Office of the State Superintendent on March 8, 2019, summarizing three-and-a-half years of work by the Steering Committee, workgroups, and sub-committees.

The [Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide](#), first published in 2019, was designed by Wisconsin public library and public library system staff for Wisconsin public library directors, staff, and boards with the intent to foster inclusive library environments where everyone is safe, welcomed, and respected. In 2020, the assessment was updated with an automatic scoring feature to help users assess and score simultaneously. The [Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide for Wisconsin Public Libraries](#) was featured in a virtual poster session at the [Toward One Wisconsin](#) virtual conference November 12-13, 2020.