



Libraries, Systems & Collaboration

South Central Library System

Libraries and library systems are all about collaboration and leveraging partnerships to provide the best possible service in the most economical way possible. That has been our mission for years, and what makes libraries so successful in meeting the needs of the residents they serve. Below are some examples of collaborative efforts underway at the local, system and state-wide levels.

Local

- Area coalition for youth
- Chamber of Commerce—attend monthly meetings and do presentations, and help with the Women’s Business Expo
- County Jail
- Local Day Care Centers & Head Start
- Workforce development resources
- Bringing fiber Optic Cable to Community—working collaboratively with the School District, Chamber of Commerce, Village Board, and neighboring communities
- Genealogy groups
- Historical Society/Historic Preservation Society
- Hospital
- Literacy Council
- Madison College
- Meeting space for residents and businesses
- Digitizing local historical materials
- Mental Health Education Team
- School District Continuing Education Department for programming—programs like parent university, spring break workshops, sounds of summer outdoor concerts, and bed time story time
- Service organizations like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, etc.
- Tax form assistance
- United Way
- UW-Extension & Area Colleges
- Youth Center—programs like Halloween Hop, book club, henna programs, spa day, and movie releases

System

- Consultant services to libraries (building design, continuing education, data services, digitization, graphic arts, marketing & PR, public library administration, web services, workforce development & youth services & community engagement)
- Cooperative Purchasing on office supplies, technology & materials saves libraries money
- Delivery (in 2020) made 14,500 library stops and traveled more than 245,000 miles to deliver 6.96 million items. These numbers were down due to the COVID pandemic.
- LINKcat (the online tool through which you reserve library materials from your own library, or other libraries within SCLS). In 2020 about 4.9 million items were checked out by area residents from our 48 LINKcat libraries). This number was down due to the COVID pandemic.

State-wide

- Statewide delivery is four days a week to 10 UW (4-year) campuses, including the exclusive handling of archival materials. SCLS also manages the inter-system sorting and delivery of 15 other system systems daily to facilitate and enhance the exchange of materials between library systems. We also stop at 12 private state colleges, 8 two-year UW Colleges, and 6 technical colleges.
- Shared continuing education programming
- Wisconsin Public Library Consortium eBook library (<http://dbooks.wplc.info>) that offers a growing collection of downloadable ebooks
- System & Resource Libraries Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW), which brings together 16 system directors to address statewide issues and make recommendations
- BadgerLink (online information resources available through the Department of Public Instruction)

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