

Social Work Intern Cohort Updates and IDEA Team Updates

Library Innovation Meeting – 12.13.22

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Social Work Intern Cohort:

The Social Work Intern Cohort is a collaborative effort with 14 participating library locations in partnership with UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison to place social work students in libraries. The student placements could help address the social service needs facing communities.

- Excited to announce a potential placement in Portage County. The student would start in January.
- A systemwide staff-facing social service needs survey was created and released. **All library staff** are encouraged to participate by **December 23rd**. Use this link:
https://uwsp.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2uH4fGf4Q0SPKUm
- Specific questions about the survey can be addressed to:
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IDEA (Inclusion Diversity Equity in Action) Team - 2023 Continuing Education planning

- IDEA Team (a group library system staff from SCLS, Winding Rivers, Northern Waters, and IFLS) met to discuss IDEA Team Advisory Committee work and potential structures of the 2023 continuing education opportunities.
- IDEA Team Advisory Committee (a group of 10 library staff members with diverse perspectives from around the state) met three times. Their role is to help the IDEA Team to determine the topics and implementation of statewide continuing education opportunities for spring 2023. The committee discussed audience, format, and potential topics for the IDEA Team to consider.