



# Annual Funding

## *South Central Library System*

Wisconsin's library systems are the mechanism through which state funding benefits public libraries in local communities. Known as Public Library System Aid, this funding is used to provide resources that support the efforts of public libraries.

Systems provide a variety of services and resources necessary to serve the public. These are provided to all libraries to ensure the same standard of service for all Wisconsin residents in a geographic area (like IT support, Delivery and LINKcat).

The Wisconsin Legislature allocated \$22,013,100 for Public Library System Aid in FY 2023-24 and \$24,013,100 in FY 2024-25. Of that amount each year, the South Central Library System receives slightly more than \$2.7 million through a formula that factors in population and service area.

A portion of Public Library System Aid is used by SCLS to offset library costs for technology and delivery, and the remainder is used for services like:

- Continuing education programming and professional development
- Graphic arts and printing/marketing/promotion consultation and support
- Building design services like space needs assessments and space plan layouts/options, information on architectural firms, and assistance with furniture/finish selection
- Youth services, inclusive services, workforce development, and digitization
- Consultation for questions about state statutes, assistance with completing library annual reports, trustee training and responsibilities, and other library administration issues

Public Library System Aid is also used to pay administrative costs. LINKcat & PC support to libraries is provided on a fee for service basis.

In addition to Public Library System Aid, the State Legislature allocates biennial funding for the following statewide services/resources:

- Four library service contracts (Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library, UW Milwaukee Interlibrary Loan, UW Madison Interlibrary Loan, and Cooperative Children's Book Center) at \$1,367,700 for FY 2023-24 and \$1,397,500 in FY 2024-25;
- BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind at \$3,387,300 for FY 2023-24 and \$3,486,300 for FY 2024-25.



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