



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 (MATC)
- 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 storytime
- 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, graphic arts, marketing & PR, public library administration, and web services)
- Cooperative Purchasing on office supplies, technology & materials saves libraries money
- Delivery (in 2018 made 21,180 library stops and traveled more than 355,000 miles to deliver 11.8million items at an average cost of 7.6 cents each move)
- LINKcat (the online tool through which you reserve library materials from your own library, or other libraries within SCLS. In 2018 about 10.1 million items were checked by area residents from our 47 LINKcat libraries)

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. Sorting is performed at our Madison facility and delivery is made the next day with our signature red truck fleet.
- 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)

Contact: Mark E. Ibach, Consulting Services Coordinator, (608) 246-5612 or mibach@scls.info

Serving libraries in Adams, Columbia, Dane, Green, Portage, Sauk & Wood Counties