

Library Alphabet Soup

Agencies

- IMLS** Institute of Museum and Library Services, federal agency that administers **LSTA**
- LSTA** Library Services and Technology Act, the major federal library funding law and grant program. Currently funds \$75,000 annually to SCLS Delivery Services.
- COLAND** Council on Library and Network Development, advisory council to the Governor of Wisconsin, **DPI** and the Wisconsin state legislature on libraries and information services.
- DPI** Department of Public Instruction, State of Wisconsin
DLT Division for Libraries and Technology
Public Library Development Team (no acronym)
RLLL Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning
- SCLS** South Central Library System, one of 17 agencies in Wisconsin that provides support to public libraries through the state aid received annually from **DPI**.

Library Associations, Groups, Vendors, Schools

- ALA** American Library Association, the national professional organization for all types of libraries.
PLA Public Library Association, a division of **ALA** for public libraries
- WLA** Wisconsin Library Association, the state professional organization for all types of libraries
WAPL Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries, a division of **WLA** for public libraries
- SRLAAW** System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin is composed of administrators from all seventeen Wisconsin Public Library Systems and the library directors of the resource libraries from each system. SRLAAW meets approximately four times per year to deal with statewide legislative and policy issues that impact public library service in Wisconsin.
- WPLC** Wisconsin Public Library Consortium is an organization where library systems can partner on projects that move libraries forward through experimentation, research and development. Responsible for statewide OverDrive downloadable book service.
- WiLS** (formerly Wisconsin Library Services) is a non-profit membership organization that facilitates collaborative projects and services to advance library service, primarily in the state of Wisconsin.
- OCLC** (formerly Online Computer Library Center) (formerly Ohio College Library Center) is a not for profit company that produces an international bibliographic utility used by libraries of all types for cataloging information, interlibrary loan and other services. Products include Worldcat, FirstSearch, Iliad.
- SLIS** University of Wisconsin's graduate School of Library and Information Studies, the Madison campus where little librarians are made and receive their **MLS** or **MLIS**.
MLS Master of Library Science, an advanced degree for librarians.
MLIS Master of Library and Information Science/Studies

Integrated Library System or the Old Card Catalog or PAC or OPAC

- Car** Integrated Library System (**ILS**) is software that allows libraries to track items owned and circulate them to customers. Modules include: cataloging, serials, acquisitions, circulation, searching)
- Ford** **PTFS/Liblime** is the company that supports the ILS software. Other vendors include Innovative Interfaces Inc; SirsiDynix; Polaris.
- Taurus** **KOHA** is the specific brand of software that SCLS uses.
- Ferdinand** **LINK** Library Interchange Network consists of the SCLS libraries that use the shared ILS **LINKcat** **LINKCAT** is the SCLS on-line catalog which replaced the old card catalog with drawers.
- PAC** Public Access Catalog and **OPAC** On-line Public Access Catalog are generic terms to describe a library's on-line catalog searching module

Technology or the Hardware Side

- MUFN** Metropolitan Unified Fiber Network. A community area network throughout Dane County using high speed fiber technology to connect public agencies. SCLS and several of its libraries are on the network.
- TEACH** Technology for Educational Achievement in Wisconsin is a state agency that administers technology grants, loans and discounts to public libraries and schools. SCLS uses them for networking discounts.
- WiscNet** A not-for-profit organization that connects many Wisconsin libraries to the Internet.

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