

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE

Fact Sheet – January 2012

Founded	August 1961
Current Director	Marla Sepnafski 300 North First St., Wausau, WI 54403-5473 Telephone – (715)261-7251 Fax – (715)261-7259 Email: msepnafs@wvls.org
Web Site	http://wvls.org
Area Served	7,360 square miles including the north central Wisconsin counties of Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida and Taylor
Population Served	291,846 (2010 service population)
Number of Libraries	Service is provided through 25 public libraries and 212 non-public libraries
Governance	WVLS operates under Chapter 43 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES and is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees. Each participating county has at least one member on the board – the rest are allocated according to population. Trustees are appointed by the Chairs of the County Boards of Supervisors. The current officers of the Board are: President – Alice Sturzl (Forest County) Vice-President – Douglas Lay (Marathon County) Treasurer – Michael Otten (Marathon County)
Location	The WVLS rents space from and operates out of the Marathon County Public Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau, WI 54403.
Budget & Funding	The 2012 budget is \$1,299,400. About 66% of our revenue comes from the State of Wisconsin, 3% comes from member counties and the remainder comes from interest on investments, grants, service contracts, etc.
Major Services	Internet access; V-Cat, a shared automation system; courier service to/from all Wisconsin's public libraries; reference and interlibrary loan; large print books; play-aways; advocacy; consultant services and training for area library personnel and trustees; e-books/audios/videos; and technical assistance.
Staff	8.3 full time equivalents
State View	WVLS is one of 17 library systems in the state. Systems range in size from one to ten counties.