

# WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE

## Fact Sheet

<b>Founded</b>	August 1961
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://wvls.org">http://wvls.org</a>
<b>Area Served</b>	7,360 square miles including the north central Wisconsin counties of Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida and Taylor
<b>Population Served</b>	281,421 (2013 municipal/extended county population)
<b>Number of Libraries</b>	Service is provided through 25 public libraries and approximately 200 non-public libraries.
<b>Governance</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The current officers of the Board are: President – Tom Bobrofsky (Clark County) Vice-President – Douglas Lay (Marathon County) Treasurer – Michael Otten (Marathon County)</p>
<b>Current Director</b>	Marla Sepnafski 300 North First St., Wausau, WI 54403-5473 Telephone: (715)261-7251 Fax: (715)261-7259 Email: <a href="mailto:msepnafs@wvls.org">msepnafs@wvls.org</a>
<b>Location</b>	The WVLS rents space from and operates out of the Marathon County Public Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau, WI 54403.
<b>Budget &amp; Funding</b>	The 2015 budget is \$1,700,219. About 50% of our revenue comes from the State of Wisconsin, 29% from member public libraries, 2.5% comes from member counties and the remainder comes from interest on investments, grants, service contracts, etc.
<b>Major Services</b>	Internet access; V-Cat, a shared automation system; courier service to/from all Wisconsin's public libraries; reference services and facilitated resource sharing; consultant services and training for area library personnel and trustees; digital/online resources; and technical support.
<b>Staff</b>	8.40 full time equivalents
<b>State View</b>	WVLS is one of 17 library systems in the state. Systems range in size from one to ten counties.