

# **NICE (Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration) Project Report**

March 23, 2024

With the use of 2023-2024 LSTA grant funds WVLS and NWLS will again contract with WiLS to coordinate meetings, facilitate the project's processes and prepare a final report. Four members have been added to the NICE team for the 2023/2024 grant cycle (marked with an \*).

## **NICE Team Members:**

Alexander Johnson - Library Support Services Manager, MCPL  
Gina Rae - System Staff, NWLS  
Jackee Johnson - System Staff, NWLS  
Katelyn Sabelko\* - Library Services Manager, MCPL  
Katie Zimmermann - System Staff, WVLS  
Kelly Wiisanen\* - Youth and Family Resources Manager, Superior  
Laurie Ollhoff\* - Library Director, Merrill  
Molly Lank-Jones - Library Director, Hayward  
Peggy O'Connell- Library Director/ Consortium chairperson, Minocqua  
Rachel Metzler - System Staff, WVLS  
Sara Klemann\* - Library Director, Eagle River  
Sue Heskin - Resource Library Director, Superior  
Tammie Blomberg - Library Director, Rib Lake  
Teresa Schmidt - Library Director, Mercer

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, March 19 to hear updates from the Holds fulfillment workgroup. The Funding Formula workgroup has made its recommendation. Feedback on the Funding Formula recommendation can be submitted [here](#). An additional Cataloging workgroup was formed and will meet in April. The Record Standards and Holds Fulfillment workgroups will also meet in April.

The NICE Team will host a [NICE Project Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, April 9](#), from 10:30-11:30 am. Members of the NICE Project Team will give an overview of the process to date, share information about NICE recommendations, discuss the next steps, and provide time for member library staff to ask questions and offer feedback. Please encourage staff to come with questions! The meeting will be recorded, and questions and feedback can be sent through the [NICE Project Recommendation Feedback Form](#).

The following recommendations have been presented to, and reviewed by, the NICE Team:

[ILS Vendor Selection](#)

[Delivery](#)

[Collaborative Decision-Making](#)

[Funding Formula](#)

## **ILS Vendor Selection Workgroup Members:**

Ann Larson, Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, NWLS  
Alexander Johnson, (MCPL), WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Maria Pregler, T. B. Scott Public Library, WVLS  
Angie Bodzislav, Spooner Public Library, WVLS

**Funding Formula and Budget Workgroup Members:**

Amber Brill (Greenwood) WVLS  
Leah Giordano (MCPL), WVLS  
Sue Heskin (SPL), NWLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Sara Klemann, (Eagle River), NWLS  
Sherry Machones, NWLS  
Virginia Roberts (RDL) WVLS  
Cherie Sanderson (Boulder Junction), NWLS  
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Delivery Workgroup Members:**

Jackee Johnson, NWLS ILS Administrator  
Sherry Machones, NWLS System Director  
Jamie Matczak, WVLS  
Sarah May, NWLS  
Rachel Metzler, WVLS  
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Collaborative Decision-making Workgroup Members:**

Sue Heskin (SPL), NWLS  
Sarah Adams, (Vaughn PL), NWLS  
Cherie Sanderson (Boulder Junction PL), NWLS  
Leah Giordano (MCPL), WVLS  
Janay Ziebell (Neillsville PL), WVLS  
Tammie Blomberg (Rib Lake PL), WVLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Holds Fulfillment Workgroup Members:**

Tammie Blomberg (Rib Lake PL), WVLS  
Olivia Carlson ( MCPL), WVLS  
Kyle Hawley (SPL), NWLS  
Sue Heskin (SPL), NWLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Sara Klemann (Eagle River PL), NWLS  
Ann Larson (Hayward PL), NWLS  
Peggy O'Connell (Minocqua PL), WVLS  
Laurie Ollhoff (T. B. Scott PL - Merrill) WVLS

Teresa Schmidt (Mercer PL) WVLS  
Kathryn Sullivan (MCPL), WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Record Standards Workgroup Members:**

Angie Bodzislav, Spooner Public Library (NWLS)  
Teresa Hall, Loyal Public Library (WVLS)  
Kyle Hawley, Superior Public Library (NWLS)  
Jackee Johnson (NWLS)  
Chris Luebbe, Marathon County Public Library (WVLS)  
Jacquie Pooler, Iron River (NWLS)  
Maria Pregler, T. B. Scott Library, Merrill (WVLS)  
Virginia Roberts, Rhinelander District Library (WVLS)  
Cherie Sanderson, Boulder Junction Public Library (NWLS)  
Teresa Schmidt, Mercer Public Library (NWLS)  
Cindy Wendt, Minocqua Public Library (WVLS)  
Katie Zimmermann (WVLS)

**Cataloging Workgroup**

Members will be confirmed soon.

**Questions are Welcome!** V-Cat and NWLN (Northern Waters Library Network) member library staff are welcome to share their questions and concerns via an [online form](#). Answers will be shared on the NICE Libraries [FAQ page](#).

More details will be shared on the [NICE Libraries website](#) when the reports are complete. Full NICE Team meeting minutes are posted [here](#).