



# OWLS

## The Outagamie Waupaca Library System

is a federation of the sixteen public libraries in Outagamie and Waupaca counties. Each member library is completely autonomous and funded and governed locally, but contracts with OWLS for the purpose of coordinating and strengthening services. The State of Wisconsin provides funding to OWLS, one of seventeen public library systems in the state, which enable the system to carry out the service requirements set forth in chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OWLS is the agent designated by Outagamie and Waupaca counties to provide access to library service for all residents of the system area. Each year the system requests county funds to reimburse member libraries for serving area residents who do not have municipal library service.

The system is governed by a fifteen member board of trustees representing both counties. The trustees, appointed for three-year terms by the counties, meet monthly, usually in New London or Appleton.

### Member Libraries

Appleton Public Library  
Black Creek Village Library  
Clintonville Public Library  
(Fremont) Neuschafer Community Library  
Hortonville Public Library  
Iola Village Library  
Kaukauna Public Library  
(Kimberly) James J. Siebers Memorial Library  
(Little Chute) Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library  
(Manawa) Sturm Memorial Library  
Marion Public Library  
New London Public Library  
Scandinavia Public Library  
(Seymour) Muehl Public Library  
Shiocton Public Library  
Waupaca Area Public Library  
Weyauwega Public Library



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Better Together**

# SERVICES OWLS PROVIDES

OWLSnet, the **shared automation network** that provides an integrated library automation system to OWLS and Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS) member libraries, including InfoSoup, the OWLSnet catalog.

**Technology services** to support OWLSnet, as well as computer consulting and local website maintenance and development.

**Borrowing Privileges** in Waupaca and Outagamie counties and many other libraries in the state.

**Interlibrary Loan** from local libraries, OWLSnet libraries, and throughout Wisconsin and beyond.

**Delivery** to and from all OWLSnet member libraries five days week, as well as participation in an intersystem delivery service that facilitates sharing materials throughout the state.

**Library Development** including continuing education activities for librarians and trustees, support for children's programming, library consulting services, and design and printing services for member libraries.

**Resources** from the Appleton Public Library, which serves as the system's resource library and develops services and collections that address the needs of the entire system area.

**Outreach** to the Fox Valley Literacy Council by providing them with printing, postage, and additional support.

## OUR MISSION

to enable access to effective library service for all area residents by coordinating resource sharing, by providing appropriate services and programs, by developing new technologies, and by promoting desirable models for governance and funding.

