

Making Memories @ the Library



Big Bend Village Library



Powers Memorial Library (Palmyra)



Muskego Public Library



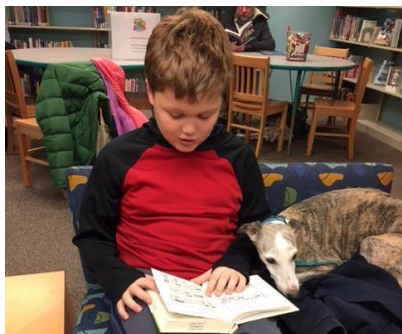
Mukwonago Community Library



Pewaukee Public Library



Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo)

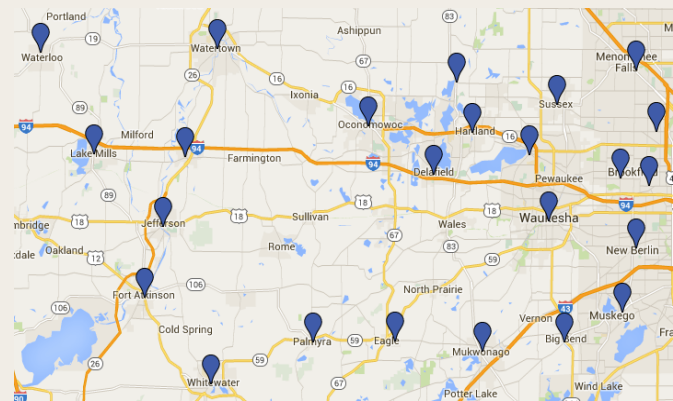


L.D. Fargo Public Library (Lake Mills)

Member Libraries

Big Bend
Brookfield
Butler
Delafield
Eagle
Elm Grove
Fort Atkinson
Hartland
Jefferson
Johnson Creek
Lake Mills
Menomonee Falls

Mukwonago
Muskego
New Berlin
North Lake
Oconomowoc
Palmyra
Pewaukee
Sussex
Waterloo
Watertown
Waukesha
Whitewater



**"The only thing that you absolutely have to know,
is the location of the library." - Albert Einstein**



Waukesha Public Library



Dwight Foster Public Library (Fort Atkinson)



Bridges Library System

Supporting Your Library,
Strengthening Your Community

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Waukesha, WI 53186
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Around the Library



Delafield Public Library has a collection of toys, science, and crafts you can check out. Take home a board game, a storytime kit, or teach a little one about water, color, or wind with a science kit.

Johnson Creek Public Library organizes an annual "Child Safety Fair", which includes presenters from police and fire professionals, as well as area hospitals.



Friendly, Knowledgeable Library Staff

The key to any successful operation is a knowledgeable staff. Libraries have trained information professionals known as librarians, cataloguers, technical services or circulation staff. Each person plays a vital role in creating a destination people have been coming to for hundreds of years.



Hartland Public Library

Libraries are dynamic, versatile community centers

People are using libraries to "find work, apply to college, secure government benefits, and learn about critical medical treatments" ⁽¹⁾

For all this, public libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson counties cost each resident less than a tank of gas!

Wisconsin Public Libraries

Wisconsin has 384 public libraries and 82 public library branches. All of Wisconsin's public libraries have chosen to participate in one of the state's regional public library systems. Library systems provide efficiencies through sharing and consolidation of services.

Libraries are faced with the challenge of increasing demand for services with diminishing resources. During the past five years, the number of paid library staff decreased 1.3%. Yet, in the

same period, public library visits have increased 1.1% and circulation has increased 6.3%.

Compared to other states, Wisconsin ranks 10th in per capita circulation, but 21st for both total operating revenue and total operating expenditures per capita.



Waukesha County Libraries*

- 76% of residents have library cards in Waukesha and Jefferson County. That's four times more people than attended Packers home games!
- Waukesha County has the third highest circulation by population in Wisconsin.
- Waukesha and Jefferson County card holders checked out nearly 300,000 ebooks, audiobooks and videos from the Wisconsin's Digital Library.
- 24 libraries offered 7,644 programs to 217,001 children, young adults and adults.
- A total of 5.8 million items were checked out in 2014 from both counties. About half were children's materials.
- Public computer use reached numbers over 300,000, while wireless Internet usage peaked at over 75,000.

* 2014 Wisconsin Public Library Service Data

⁽¹⁾ Vinjamuri, David. "Why Public Libraries Matter: And How They Can Do More." *Forbes*. Forbes Magazine, 16 Jan. 2013. Web. 07 Feb. 2014.



Butler Public Library



Irvin L. Young Memorial Library (Whitewater)



Pauline Haass Public Library (Sussex)

Libraries are accessible day and night

- Waukesha and Jefferson County libraries are open 70,874 hours per year. Libraries are accessible 62 hours per week on average, perfect for the busy lifestyle our patrons lead. In 2014, more than 2.6 million visits were made to Waukesha and Jefferson County public libraries, out of a total population of 497,004 people in both counties. In addition, Waukesha County is one of the very few Wisconsin counties to implement measureable operating standards resulting in high caliber library services.
- Even when the library building is closed, the library's digital collection is always open. Popular ebooks can be downloaded using a library card day or night from Wisconsin's Digital Library (dbooks.wplc.info). Subscription databases and online resources are available remotely 24/7 and include: Consumer Reports Online, Reference USA for businesses, Gale Courses for continuing education, JobNow for job seekers, Rosetta Stone, and Flipster eMagazines.



Town Hall Library (North Lake)