CUWL for New Members

CUWL Acronyms/ Terms

Alma: The new LSP that the UW Libraries are migrating to
CDC: Collection Development Committee
CRSCC: Collections and Resource Sharing Coordinating Committee
CSRG: Common Systems Review Group
CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries
D2L: Desire2Learn: course management software used by the UW system
DICC: Digital Initiatives Coordinating Committee
DIN: Decision Item Narrative
DoIT: Division of Information Technology at UW-Madison
HUB: Group of servers and services that run and support the Voyager applications for UW system libraries that are members of the hub. The hub is administered by DoIT staff.
ITMC: Information Technology Management Council of the UW System (has a joint meeting with CUWL)
LAMS: Library Automation Managers
LSP: Library Services Platform—the UW Libraries’ shared computer system
LTCC: Library Technology Coordinating Committee
OLIT: Office of Learning and Information Technology (part of UWSA)
Red Box: A common name for the SCLS delivery service
SCLS: South Central Library System (Wisconsin public library system that provides book delivery service to the UW libraries)
SEC: Shared Electronic Collection
UB: Universal Borrowing
USCC: User Services Coordinating Committee
UWDC: UW Digital Collections
UWSA: University of Wisconsin System Administration
UWSAC: University of Wisconsin System Archives Council

CUWL Mission Statement:
The Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries (CUWL) provides a forum for library and information technology planning within the University of Wisconsin System. CUWL reports to the UW System Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs.
The Council’s purposes include:
- Advocating within the University of Wisconsin System regarding library programs, systems and funding (including computing, telecommunications, resource sharing, and information resource structures)
- Advocating for shared collections and systems to save money and improve efficiency in the UW Libraries
- Planning, developing, and implementing policies, procedures, and strategic directions with regard to system-wide library resources and programs
- Informing local institutional administrators of UW System library initiatives
- Participating in state-wide library planning and advocacy

CUWL Strategic Directions 2009 - 2013

The UW Libraries as part of the UW System help to provide Wisconsin with world-class education and research. In a struggling global economy, the UW System is Wisconsin’s premier developer of human potential, which creates jobs that will lead to a strong future, and the UW Libraries play a key role in this development. The UW Libraries have successfully employed the concept of One System, One Library in order to maintain and improve world-class collections that advance teaching, learning and research. One System, One Library has also allowed the UW Libraries to achieve efficiencies in services in an environment of flat or reduced budgets and rapidly increasing costs. It has been nearly twelve years since the Libraries received an increase of state funding. Now is the time to reinvest in the UW Libraries to fully realize the vision of a stronger and more robust One System, One Library.

Strategic Direction 1. Enhance user discovery and delivery of library resources and services.

Strategic Direction 2. Build partnerships for advancing learning and scholarship.

Strategic Direction 3. Realign priorities and budgets to improve services for users.

WHS: Wisconsin Historical Society

WiLS: Wisconsin Library Services (located in Memorial Library on UW-Madison campus; works closely with CUWL and OLIT)
A. The voting membership of CUWL consists of:
   1. The chief executive officers representing the library/libraries at the eleven comprehensive and two
doctoral universities, or his/her designee.
   2. A designated library representative from the UW Colleges, elected by the Colleges.
   3. The State Archivist/Library Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society representing the Archives
   and Library.
   4. A representative from the UW-Madison libraries other than Memorial Library, selected by the
   UW-Madison Chancellor’s Library Coordinating Council.
   5. Five faculty representatives: one from the doctoral campuses; two from the comprehensive
   universities; one from UW Colleges; and one from University Extension. Faculty will be appointed by
   the Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs for staggered three-year terms.

B. The non-voting membership of CUWL includes:
   1. The Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs or his/her designee.
   2. The UW System Library Program Manager.
   3. A representative from the UW System Office of Budget and Planning.
   4. One representative each from the UW ITMC and the CIO’s Council, chosen by
   the Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs from a list of candidates nominated by
   these groups.
   5. The Director of Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS).
   6. A Vice Chancellor from the UW System appointed by the Senior Vice President for Administration
   and Fiscal Affairs.
   7. The chairs of the standing CUWL coordinating committees.

C. CUWL Meetings: CUWL members meet four times per year unless additional meetings are needed.

---

CUWL Structure

Number and Type of Member Libraries — 2 doctoral research universities (UW-Madison and UW-
Milwaukee), 11 Comprehensives (grant baccalaureate and master’s degrees), 13 UW Colleges (two year
institutions), Wisconsin Historical Society Library

Executive Committee — Composed of the following: Chair, Chair Elect, Secretary, Past Chair,
Member-at-Large, and Faculty Representative.

Coordinating Committees — The CUWL Coordinating Committees are composed of staff from various
CUWL institutions. Each Coordinating Committee has a specific charge and reports their progress to the
CUWL membership. One member of the Executive Committee acts as liaison to each of the four
coordinating committees.

Collections & Resource Sharing - The System-wide Collections and Resource Sharing Initiatives
Coordinating Committee will oversee the cooperative development of the UW libraries’ collections and
courage and oversee their sharing of collections to become “One System, One Library.”

Digital Initiatives - The System-wide Digital Initiatives Coordinating Committee will oversee the
cooperative development and growth of digital initiatives within the UW Libraries.

Library Technology Initiatives - The System-Wide Library Technology Initiatives Coordinating
Committee will oversee the technology-related initiatives approved by CUWL for implementation
across UW System Libraries.

User Services - The System Wide User Services Initiatives Coordinating Committee will oversee user
services initiatives across the UW System that fulfill the UW System Libraries strategic directions
related to reference services, information literacy, and distance learning.
Resource Groups and Other Committees:

1. Library staff working throughout the UW System in similar functional positions shall be considered resource groups for the coordinating committees.
2. The Library Automation Managers (LAMs) shall serve as a resource group to the Library Technology Initiatives Coordinating Committee, and the Collection Development Committee shall serve as a resource group to the Collections and Resource Sharing Initiatives Coordinating Committee. Individuals working with archives and in Area Research Centers shall serve as resource persons to the Digital Initiatives Coordinating Committee, and individuals involved with user services shall serve as resource persons to the User Services Initiatives Coordinating Committee.
3. The Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library—Archives Division, or his/her designee, shall report regularly to CUWL regarding UW System Archives Council meetings, initiatives, and activities.

Important CUWL Links

CUWL Wiki – This site provides access to a wealth of information about CUWL and its committees, including meeting minutes, reports, and annual conference schedules. Groups can also use the wiki as a collaboration space. Authorized users can add and edit pages. [https://wiki.doit.wisc.edu/confluence/display/CUWL/Welcome+to+the+CUWL+Wiki](https://wiki.doit.wisc.edu/confluence/display/CUWL/Welcome+to+the+CUWL+Wiki)


UW System Administration Libraries website – A public-facing site that provides information about the UW libraries on a system level. [www.wisconsin.edu/libraries](http://www.wisconsin.edu/libraries)

South Central Library System (SCLS) Delivery Service – The SCLS network is made up of Wisconsin public libraries, UW System libraries, private university and college libraries, Wisconsin Technical College libraries, public and private K-12 school libraries, government and institutional libraries, corporate and other special libraries. [http://www.sclsdelivery.info/distribution.htm](http://www.sclsdelivery.info/distribution.htm)

Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS) - WiLS is a member-based library service that facilitates resource sharing, training, technical and ILL workflow analysis, and cooperative activities relating to the changing nature of information technology. [http://www.wils.org/](http://www.wils.org/)