



INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return electronic, signed copy of the form and attachments to the library system. Confirm with the library system if printed, signed copies are required.

Board-approved, signed annual reports for 2025 are due to the DPI Division for Libraries and Technology no later than March 1, 2026.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Library Waupaca Area Public Library		2. Public Library System Outagamie Waupaca Library System			
3b. Head Librarian First Name Eric	3c. Head Librarian Last Name Bailey	4a. Certification Grade Grade 1	4b. Certification Type Regular	5. Certification Expiration Date 8/31/2027	
6a. Street Address 107 S. Main St.	6b. Mailing Address or PO Box	7. City / Village / Town Waupaca	8a. ZIP 54981	8b. ZIP4 1521	9. County Waupaca
10. Library Phone Number 7152584414	11. Fax Number	12. Library E-mail Address of Director ebailey@waupacalibrary.org			
13. Library Website URL www.waupacalibrary.org		14. No. of Branches 0	15. No. of Bookmobiles Owned 0	16. No. of Other Public Service Outlets 5	
17. Does your library operate a books-by-mail program? No	18. Some public libraries are legally organized as joint libraries, with neighboring municipalities or a county and municipality joining to operate a library. Is your library such a joint library legally established under Wis. Stat. s. 43.53? No				
20. Square Footage of Public Library 24,000	21a. Did your library or a branch move to a new facility during the fiscal year? No	21b. Did your library or a branch renovate or expand an existing facility during the fiscal year? No	22. UEI Number		

HOURS OF OPERATION

	Standard Service with No Restrictions on Building Access	Limited Service	Staff Only (No interior service for the public)
19a. Winter hours open per week	58	0	0
19b. Number of winter weeks	52	0	0
19c. Summer hours open per week	0	0	0
19d. Number of summer weeks	0	0	0
19e. Total weeks per year	52	0	0
19f. Total hours per year for this location	3,016	0	0

II. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS								
			a. Number Owned / Leased	b. Number Added				
1. Books in Print			68,251	2,427				
2. Physical Subscriptions			107					
3. Physical Audio Materials			6,114	90				
4. Physical Video Materials			9,767	213				
5. Other Physical Materials			747					
6. Total Physical Items in Collection			84,879					
		Purchased solely by the Library	Purchased via a System, Consortium or Cooperative Agreement	Provided by the State				
7. E-books		Yes	Yes	No				
8. E-serials		No	Yes	No				
9. E-audio		Yes	Yes	No				
10. E-video		Yes	No	No				
11. Research Databases		No	Yes	Yes				
12. Online Learning Platforms		No	No	Yes				
III. LIBRARY SERVICES								
1. Physical Circulation Transactions			2. Interlibrary Loans					
a. Total Circulation	b. Children's Materials	c. Other Physical Items	a. Items Loaned <i>Provided to</i>	b. Items Received <i>Received from</i>				
145,348	56,674	1,635	37,614	38,004				
			Method for Counting ILL Transactions					
(Only Total will display when Total ILL Transactions is listed as the Method for Counting ILL Transactions)			Items Loaned to Other Libraries <i>Provided to</i>	Items Borrowed from Other Libraries <i>Received from</i>				
Integrated Library Systems (ILS)			36,444	37,734				
WISCAT			1,131	250				
Other (includes OCLC, manual tracking or other methods)			39	20				
3. Electronic Content Circulation Transactions								
a. E-books	b. E-serials	c. E-audio	d. E-video	e. Children's E-materials	f. Total E-materials			
11,724	4,022	18,335	409	1,593	34,490			
4. Number of Registered Users			5. Overdue Fines		6. Reference Transactions		7. Library Visits	
a. Resident	b. Nonresident	c. TOTAL		a. Method	b. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count	
2,952	4,288	7,240	No	Actual Count	11,794	Actual Count	101,226	
8. Uses of Public Internet Computers						9. Uses of Public Wireless Internet		
a. Number of Public Use Computers	b. Number of Public Use Computers with internet access	c. Method	d. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count			
72	66	Actual Count	6,400	Actual Count	10,646			

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person and Live, Virtual Statistics by Age

	Young Child (0-5)	Child (6-11)	Young Adult (12-18)	Adult (19+)	General Interest (all ages)
Number of Programs	119	39	114	96	24
Total Attendance	3,918	1,464	2,390	994	2,617

Total Program Statistics by Program Category

	In-Person On-Site	In-Person Off-Site	Live, Virtual	Pre-recorded	
Number of Programs	320	71	1	13	
Total Attendance	5,978	5,399	6		
Total Program Views				408	

Describe the library's in-person programs:

Regular programming pace resumed with Head of Youth Services and Head of Adult Services positions filled. Programs are offered on diverse topics for entertainment and education. In addition to programming at the library, we are active throughout the community and partner regularly with the Park District, historical center and schools.

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's live, virtual programs:

Zoom Pro

Describe the library's live, virtual programs:

A single live virtual program was offered, a book club during inclement weather.

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's pre-recorded programs:

Podbean

Describe the library's pre-recorded programs:

The 13 pre-recorded programs are all sessions of the Library's podcast.

IV. LIBRARY GOVERNANCE

Library Board Members. List all members of the library board as of the date of this report. List the president first. Indicate vacancies. Report changes to the Division for Libraries and Technology as they occur. When reporting such changes, indicate the departing board members.

First Name	Last Name	City	Email Address
PRESIDENT			
1. Melanie	Peterson	Waupaca	peterson.melanie@gmail.com
2. Julie	Eiden	Waupaca	jeiden2@gmail.com
3. Sarah	Hanneman	Waupaca	haesesa@gmail.com
4. John	Miller	Waupaca	jmiller@town-dayton.com
5. Cory	Nagel	Waupaca	cory.nagel@waupacawi.gov
6. Holly	Olsen	Waupaca	olsenholly@hotmail.com
7. Alton	Ross	Waupaca	altonross@icloud.com
8. John	Turner	Wauapca	johntheodoreturner@gmail.com
9. Devon	Feldt	Waupaca	defeldt@waupacaschools.org
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No. of Library Board Members *Include vacancies in this count* 9

XI. PUBLIC LIBRARY LOANS OF MATERIAL TO NONRESIDENTS

1. Of the total circulation reported for the library from Section III, item 1, what was the total circulation to nonresidents <i>See instructions for definition of nonresident</i>			93,527
Divide nonresident circulation among the following categories. The total of 2 through 6 below should not be greater than the number reported in item 1 above.	a. Those with a Library	b. Those without a Library	c. Subtotal
2. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in the Library's County	5,804	62,852	68,656
3. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in Another County in the Library System	1,173	2,653	3,826
4. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Not in the Library System	16,522	3,779	20,301
5. Circulation to All Other Wisconsin Residents	733	6. Circulation to Persons from Out of the State	11
7. Are the answers to items 1 through 6 based on actual count or survey/sample? Actual	8a. Does the library deny access to any residents of adjacent public library systems on the basis of Wis. Stat. s. 43.17(11)(b)? No	8b. If yes, does the library allow residents in adjacent systems to purchase library cards?	
9. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Who Do Not Have a Local Public Library			
Name of County	Circulation	Name of County	Circulation
a. Outagamie	2,653	f.	
b. Waushara	3,700	g.	
c. Winnebago	79	h.	
d.	0	i.	
e.	0	j.	

XII. TECHNOLOGY (Not included in 2025 Report)

XIII. SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES, STAFF SERVING YOUTH / ADULTS

1. Self-directed Activities: *Planned, independent activities available for a definite time period which introduce participants to any of the broad range of library services or activities that directly provide information to participants.*

	a. Children (0-5)	b. Children (6-11)	c. Young Adult (12-18)
Number of Self-Directed Activities	0	11	6
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	0	212	579
	d. Adult (19+)	e. General Interest (all ages)	f. Total
Number of Self-Directed Activities	5	9	31
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	50	219	1,060

2. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the children, youth, or teen librarian. Only the primary person is displayed here.

a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address
Simon	Baumgart	sbaumgart@waupacalibrary.org

3. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the librarian for adults. Only the primary person is displayed here.

a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address
Jan	Popple	jpopple@waupacalibrary.org

XIV. PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS


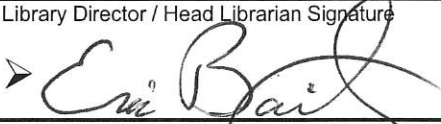
We assure the Public Library System of which this library is a member and the Division for Libraries and Technology, Department of Public Instruction that this public library is in compliance with the following requirements for public library system membership as listed in Wis. Stats.

A check (X) or a mark in the checkbox indicates compliance with the requirement.

- The library is established under s. 43.52 (municipalities), s. 43.53 (joint libraries), or s. 43.57 (consolidated county libraries and county library services) of the Wisconsin Statutes [s. 43.15(4)(c)1].
- The library is free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained [s. 43.52(2), 73 Op. Atty. Gen. 86(1984), and OAG 30-89].
- The library's board membership complies with statutory requirements regarding appointment, length of term, number of members and composition. [s. 43.54 (municipal and joint libraries), s. 43.57(4) & (5) (consolidated and country library services), and s. 43.60(3) (library extension and interchange)].
- The library board has exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund [s. 43.58(1)].
- The library director is present in the library at least 10 hours a week while library is open to the public, less leave time [s. 43.15(4)(c)6]
- The library board supervises the administration of the library, appoints the librarian, who appoints such other assistants and employees as the library board deems necessary, and prescribes their duties and compensation [s. 43.58(4)].
- The library is authorized by the municipal governing board to participate in the public library system [s. 43.15(4)(c)3].
- The library has entered into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities, to participate in interlibrary loan of materials with other system libraries, and to provide, to any resident of the system area, the same library services, on the same terms, that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. This shall not prohibit a municipal, county, or joint public library from giving preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if the library limits the number of persons who may participate in the group program, or from providing remote access to a library's online resources only to its residents. [s. 43.15(4)(c)4].
- The library's head librarian holds the appropriate grade level of public librarian certification from the Department of Public Instruction [s. 43.15(4)(c)6 and Administrative Code Rules PI 6.03].
- The library annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours each week except that for a library in existence on June 3, 2006, annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours or the number of hours each week that the library was open to the public in 2005, whichever is fewer [s. 43.15(4)(c)7].
- The library annually spends at least \$2,500 on library materials. [s. 43.15(4)(c)8].

XV. CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this annual report and any attachments are true and accurate and the library board has reviewed and approved this report.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee	Name of President or Designee Print or type	Date Signed
	Melanie Peterson	2/18/2026
Library Director / Head Librarian Signature	Library Director / Head Librarian Print or type	Date Signed
	Eric Bailey	2/18/2026

STATEMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

As required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(c), the following statement that the library system either did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library must be completed and approved by the library board. The response should be made in the context of the public library system's statutory responsibilities and the funding which it has available to meet those responsibilities.

County

Waupaca

The Waupaca Area Public Library Board of Trustees hereby states that in 2025 the Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Name of Public Library *Name of Public Library System / Service*

- did provide effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library.
- did not provide effective leadership and did not adequately meet the needs of the library.

Indicate with an X one of the above statements

Explanation of library board's response. *Attach additional sheets if necessary.*


Note: With the approval of the library board of trustees, this statement may be submitted separately from the Annual Report form that is sent to the library system, as an e-mail attachment to LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov.

The Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS) provides excellent support to its members, overseeing ILS access and maintenance, catalog consistency, providing tech support, providing programming materials, facilitating collaboration among libraries and much more. This represents a cost savings to libraries as a whole well beyond what is invested at the system level. This year the system has provided additional support for an ILS migration, book challenges, and resumption of an annual conference for member libraries.

XV. CERTIFICATION

The preceding statement was approved by the Public Library Board of Trustees.

Division staff will compile the statements received for each library system and, as required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.05(14), conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30 percent of the libraries in participating municipalities that include at least 30 percent of the population of all participating municipalities report that the public library system did not adequately meet the needs of the library. This statement may be provided to the public library system.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee	Name of President or Designee Print or type	Date Signed
	Melanie Peterson	2/18/2026

COMMENTS

SECTION III

8a., Number of Public Use Computers

Difference is primarily 3 additional computers and 3 additional tablets for adult patron usage.--2026-02-10

8d., Number of Uses (sessions) of Public Internet Computers

Despite flag from system, this number is NOT an estimate but is an actual count.--2026-02-12

9b., Wireless Internet Uses

10 day data loss in November 2025--2026-01-20

15., In-Person Off-Site Young Adult Program Attendance

Increase from author visit by Ruta Sepeptys and Steve Sheinkin.--2026-02-09

SECTION V

6a. Other Funds Carried Forward and Expended

Previously reported in Section 8, reported here as these represent taxpayer funds. The discrepancy between the amount reported at end of FY24 and the start of FY25 is due to reconciliation of expenses and revenues during the audit process.--2026-02-13

SECTION VI

Total Operating Expenditures

System applying an error, Income does equal Expense.--2026-02-12

SECTION VIII

Beginning Balance of Other Funds Under Library Board Control

Funds reported in 5.6.A and 5.6.B as they represent taxpayer funds.--2026-02-13