

BadgerLink kick-off

New DLCL-sponsored resources heralded statewide

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September 14, 1998, was declared "BadgerLink Day in Wisconsin" by State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Benson. Included in the Day's observance was a nine-community video teleconference and demonstration with host participants John Benson; Sally Drew, head of the DPI's Resource Sharing Technology and Interlibrary Loan Team; and Jennifer Reinert, administrator of the Division of Technology Management in the Dept. of Administration. News media and library attendees in Eau Claire, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Platteville, Rhinelander, Superior, and Wisconsin Rapids got to share the informational resources electronically available through BadgerLink.

As a part of the celebration, many libraries hosted demonstrations of BadgerLink for local officials, the media, and

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State Superintendent John T. Benson, center, conducted a statewide BadgerLink videoconference on Sept. 14, 1998. Benson was joined by Jennifer Reinert, administrator of the Division of Technology Management at DOA (left), and Sally Drew, head of the DPI's Resource Sharing Technology and Interlibrary Loan Team.

Benson announces education initiatives

Early childhood learning, professional staff development, improving achievement for disadvantaged children, and school safety are critical issues which will be stressed in his budget and legislative proposal for the upcoming biennium, State Superintendent of Public Instruction John T. Benson announced recently.

"My budget proposal reflects the mission of the Department of Public Instruction to ensure that all schoolchildren have access to high quality educational programs that meet high standards of excellence and to ensure that all citizens have access to comprehensive public library resources and services," Benson said. "The programs

and initiatives set forth here will help us meet our goals to achieve that mission."

Benson noted an early learning initiative which includes grants for early learning centers and expansion of Head Start and the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) programs will

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BadgerLink opens the world of information to Wisconsin

Information can be hard to come by. To find a specific article in your library may mean dealing with microfiche, stacks and stacks of old newspapers and magazines, and even then there's no guarantee you're going to find what you're looking for. Oh for the day when you can type a few key words into your computer and seconds later the article you're seeking appears on your screen.

That day is here through BadgerLink, an informational database for Wisconsin residents that provides access to more

than 40 newspapers, thousands of magazines, journals, and audiovisual materials, and millions of books and other resources. "BadgerLink literally puts the world of information into Wisconsin's libraries, homes, schools, and offices," said State Superintendent John T. Benson in announcing the service.

The Department of Public Instruction's Division for Libraries and Community Learning contracted with two firms to provide database access to abstracts and full-text articles from periodicals,

newspapers, and other reference materials.

"What a wonderful thing DPI has done for small libraries," said Joanne Baier, director of the Pierce County and Elmwood Public libraries. "The access to newspapers, magazines, and journals has made our little library just as powerful as the large libraries."

BadgerLink is designed for all Wisconsin libraries—public, school, academic, and special—as well as for indi-

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others and explained the impact that the service has had on the ability to help their users. The BadgerLink web page also offers an opportunity for libraries to e-mail the DPI describing the impact of BadgerLink on their library. Libraries and users are invited to "tell us their story."

The primary recommendation emanating from the February 1998 Library Technology Planning Conference requested that DLCL provide access to full-text information for magazines, journals, and newspapers. Using \$2.1 million in LSTA funds the Division has provided that access for a period from July 1998 to December 1999.

Continuation of this pilot project through the next biennium will necessitate the allocation of state funding in the 1999-2001 biennial budget, an amount the DPI has requested in its biennial budget. As the budget is compiled and deliberated over the next eight months, state policymakers will need to share an understanding of the value BadgerLink has to Wisconsin's libraries, schools, businesses, and citizenry.

Accessing over 4,000 periodicals and over 40 newspapers—including 13 Wisconsin papers—is not only a tremendous educational asset, but also a cost saving endeavor. If schools and libraries individually contracted for this same scope of service, the price tag would be in the double digit millions. As BadgerLink is extensively utilized in the months ahead, the many positive facets of this statewide project will be realized and must be considered when continuation is determined.

The DLCL is pleased to be able to provide BadgerLink to the citizens of Wisconsin, and we hope you find this new service to be of great value. Feel free to share your views with the division and other state decision-makers, as this input is important in determining the future allocation of resources. ■■



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vidual use through home and office computers. Nearly 100 Internet Service Providers have signed up to provide BadgerLink services to their customers and another 30 have been contacted but have not yet provided Internet addresses so their customers can have access to BadgerLink.

“Our goal is to extend BadgerLink services to every corner of the state,” said Benson. “This project shows the Internet’s potential to be a great equalizer. Rather than having each library contract individually for database information services, the state of Wisconsin has developed a contract for statewide use.”

“BadgerLink has much more extensive coverage of databases than a small college library such as ours can ever afford,” said Nima Ingle, reference librarian for Marian College in Fond du Lac. “Since BadgerLink is web-based, students and faculty from remote sites can access information the same way as on-campus people.”

BadgerLink services are free of charge to users, with the full-text demonstration project funded by a \$2.1 million Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. In addition to database access to newspapers through UMI and magazines and journals through EBSCO, BadgerLink provides access to book reviews, historical documents, almanacs, encyclopedias, and specialized information on subjects such as business, health, and education. A “Related Articles” feature allows access to information that is similar to the selected search under such categories as people, companies, reviews, and subjects.

BadgerLink also provides access to WISCAT, the Wisconsin Online Catalog which lists 6 million titles with 28 million holding locations for 1,137 Wisconsin libraries, as well as a Reference and Loan Library VHS List. Users can browse WISCAT or the AV listings and then request materials at their local library or through interlibrary loan. The “Wisconsin Library Directory,” “Wisconsin Library Web Sites,” and “Additional Government Resources” are added BadgerLink features.

BadgerLink is a direct result of recommendations from a 1998 Library Technology Planning Conference, sponsored by the DPI in partnership with the Department of Administration, Benson explained. The conference recommendations called for statewide licensing of databases and the need for access to information resources regardless of location.

“This is the first program that contains such a vast amount of information in one place without cost to users. The number of magazines and newspapers available are extensive,” Benson said.

Listings include the ABA Banking Journal for bankers, Animal Behavior for animal lovers and veterinarians, and American Artist for those who love to paint. The American Journal of Medicine is available for doctors, nurses and others in the medical profession; Architectural Digest for architects and de-

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help build a solid foundation for learning and will help ensure that all children come to school ready to learn.

“New research on brain development suggests that what happens in a child’s earliest years is a major determinant of success in school,” Benson said.

“Focusing efforts on the early years is cost-effective, too. Every dollar spent on preschool programs saves approximately \$7 on special education, welfare, and other social programs later on.”

A proposed early learning center grant program will support school, family, and community collaborative efforts to prepare young children for school. These efforts could include development of community early learning centers; collaboration between schools, community and social service organizations; and home visits to families with small children.

Staff development is also important if we are to ensure that our educators are prepared to help Wisconsin children meet the high academic standards we expect,” Benson said. His proposal includes a professional staff development initiative that builds on existing teacher training institutes and academies. It also provides for academy workshops to be conducted in partnership with the business community.

“Children need to learn in safe and secure environments,” Benson said, “I am proposing a Safe Schools Initiative that will assist schools, parents, and communities in implementing prevention and intervention activities that will reduce the incidence of violence in our schools and that will support effective strategies for dealing with at-risk and disruptive students.

“I am also troubled by evidence that shows our disadvantaged children continue to lag behind more fortunate

children in this state,” Benson said. “We must continue to support and enhance programs throughout Wisconsin that help improve achievement for minority and disadvantaged children. Programs like P-5, SAGE, Head Start, and Minority Precollege Scholarships deserve more than our continued support, they need to be expanded and my budget does that.”

Benson’s initiative also includes provisions to enhance support for public

libraries, additional funding necessary to produce the high-stakes testing required under state law, enhanced funding for school nutritional programs, and provisions for human growth and development and gifted and talented programs.

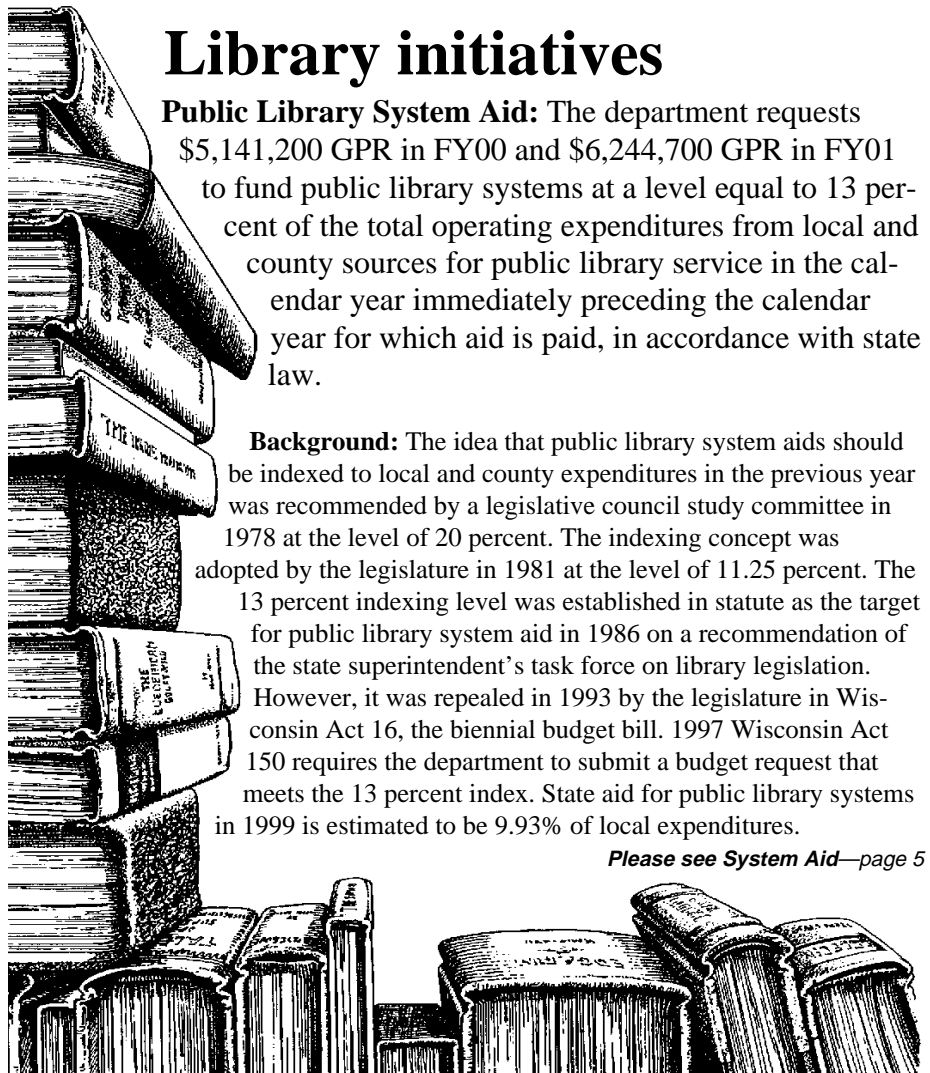
“I look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature in the months ahead to provide the best opportunities we can for all Wisconsin’s children to succeed,” Benson said. ■

Library initiatives

Public Library System Aid: The department requests \$5,141,200 GPR in FY00 and \$6,244,700 GPR in FY01 to fund public library systems at a level equal to 13 percent of the total operating expenditures from local and county sources for public library service in the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which aid is paid, in accordance with state law.

Background: The idea that public library system aids should be indexed to local and county expenditures in the previous year was recommended by a legislative council study committee in 1978 at the level of 20 percent. The indexing concept was adopted by the legislature in 1981 at the level of 11.25 percent. The 13 percent indexing level was established in statute as the target for public library system aid in 1986 on a recommendation of the state superintendent’s task force on library legislation. However, it was repealed in 1993 by the legislature in Wisconsin Act 16, the biennial budget bill. 1997 Wisconsin Act 150 requires the department to submit a budget request that meets the 13 percent index. State aid for public library systems in 1999 is estimated to be 9.93% of local expenditures.

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In 1993-1994, aid to public library systems totaled \$11.5 million. State aid to public library systems was increased to \$11.8 million in 1994-1995, was frozen until 1997-1998 when state support increased by \$1.1 million, and by \$386,000 in 1998-1999.

Analysis of Need: Participation in public library systems is voluntary for counties and municipalities. If they do not participate, access to public library service is reduced or eliminated. In 1995, public libraries loaned 45.6 million books and other items, answered 5.9 million reference questions, and accommodated 25.6 million visits by patrons. To remain effective, viable institutions, public library systems must provide a level of service that makes participation desirable and makes it possible for systems to open their doors to all residents in the system area. The present level of funding jeopardizes the current status of full participation by all libraries in the state.



libraries and other resource providers in and outside of this state to serve as resources of specialized library materials and information not available in public libraries or the reference and loan library. WILS and MPL lend materials to all parts of the state in response to requests forwarded by the reference and loan library or public library system headquarters libraries.

Under s. 43.03 (6), the state superintendent is required to contract annually with a public library for the provision of library services to physically handicapped persons, including the blind and physically handicapped. Since 1961, this contract has been maintained with the WRL, located in the Milwaukee public library.

The CCBC is a repository of children's tradebooks used by children's librarians and teachers throughout the state, and provides unique resources and services to educators and others in freedom of information cases.

Analysis of Need: Full funding of these four contracts will continue to provide access to specialized materials and resources. Because no Wisconsin community can provide all of the types of informational resources that parents, chil-

dren, businesses and government agencies need, maintaining these contracts at the requested level is central to the state's recognition of the importance of access to information, knowledge and diversity of ideas by all residents of this state. Failure to fully fund these contracts may result in a diminished level of service to all residents of the state.

Library Service Contracts:

The department requests \$38,300 GPR in FY00 and \$73,600 GPR in FY01 to fund four contracts with providers of specialized statewide library services and resources.

Background: The four providers that the department contracts with are the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL), Wisconsin Interlibrary Services (WILS), the Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (WRLBPH) and the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC).

These contracts are maintained in accordance with s. 43.03 (7), which requires the state superintendent of public instruction to contract for services with

Full-Text Database: The department requests \$836,000 GPR in FY00 and \$1,700,000 in FY01 to provide full-text database services to all libraries in the state.

Background: The division for libraries and community learning (DLCL) is currently using federal library services and technology act (LSTA) funding for a demonstration project providing public, school, academic and special libraries in Wisconsin with access to full-text database services through a statewide contract. The division has contracted with two vendors to provide this resource. The demonstration project is scheduled to be in operation until December, 1999, at which time LSTA funding will no longer be available. ■

Sesquicentennial year offers rich video programs

Wisconsin's sesquicentennial year is a particularly rich time for new and special video programs about Wisconsin that are suitable for classroom use, group programming, and individual viewing. Many of the currently available new programs are included in this column. Additional programs commemorating the ses-

quicentennial are still in production and scheduled for release later this year or early in 1999.

Wisconsin's past, people, land, government, work, and recreational activity are among the topics explored in the videos listed here. Some programs document the state's historical development; others reflect current life and issues of concern in the state. A brief, nonevaluative description is provided for each title and the addresses of producers or distributors are provided for those wishing to inquire about availability for purchase.

All of the videocassettes are available for free loan from the Wisconsin Reference and Loan Library. Call numbers and booking system numbers have been included in the descriptions as identifiers for the convenience of borrowers.

Ability for Hire (West Allis Center of Opportunity, 1996; 19 minutes) (VHS V-6398) (024806) tells that the labor pool of persons with disabilities in Wisconsin is largely untapped. Employers talk about the advantages of hiring people with disabilities, and representatives from service agencies in southeastern Wisconsin tell how employers can use this resource and how handicapped individuals are matched with jobs. (City of West Allis, Economic Development Division, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214; 414/302-8463)

Between Sky and Shore: A Closer Look at Wisconsin's Wetlands (1997; 27 minutes; closed captioned) (VHS V-6502 (024915)) says that swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens are the four types of wetlands found in Wisconsin, and tells of their economic, sociological and biological importance. The need for protecting wetland ecosystems is explained, and wetland restoration efforts in Wisconsin are described. (Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Bureau of

Communication and Education, 6th floor, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707; 608/264-8945)

The Boyhood of John Muir (Florentine Films, 1997; 78 minutes) (VHS V-6551 (024964)) is a feature length dramatization telling the story of John Muir's youthful years spent in Wisconsin. It chronicles his early life, including his family's immigration from Scotland to Wisconsin, family conflict, and personal discovery. Muir is known today as the founder of Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Club, and as America's first environmentalist. (Bullfrog Films, P.O. Box 149, Oley, PA 19547; 800/543-3764)

Discovering Wisconsin's Agriculture (Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation for Ag in the Classroom, 1997; 35 minutes; with guides and activity booklets) (VHS V-6561 (024986)). Two children host a three-segment program in a video news format to tell about modern farming practices and products and farm life. It includes visits to dairy, corn and soybean, and beef and hog farms in Wisconsin and interviews with farmers, and also describes the early history of farming in Wisconsin. For elementary grades. The segments are: "America's Dairyland" (12 minutes); "Corn & Beans" (9 minutes); "Hamburgers to Hotdogs" (15 minutes). (Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, 1212 Deming Way, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705-0550; 608/836-5575)

The Gift (University of Wisconsin-Extension Cooperative Extension/Lac du Flambeau Tribe Planning Dept., 1997; 13 minutes) (VHS V-6590 (025014)) presents a brief history of the Ojibwa in Wisconsin through the words of an Ojibwa father as he tells his son of the changes in their lives, culture, and

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signers; and American Film for film students and anyone else who might be interested. "And this is only the 'A's,'" Benson said.

BadgerLink's resources are open without restriction through Wisconsin public, school, and academic libraries. For individuals, access to magazines and newspapers are restricted to Wisconsin citizens whose Internet Service Provider registers state Internet addresses with the DPI. Federal funding that is providing access to the newspaper and magazine databases will continue through December 1999, at which point state funding will be needed to continue this portion of the BadgerLink program. The DPI is requesting BadgerLink full-text services as part of its 1999-2001 budget request.

"We believe statewide licensing of access to informational databases is an important support for library services for all citizens," Benson said. "My hope is over the course of the next year citizens will become so accustomed to using BadgerLink they won't want to have any of its features reduced." ■■

economy that came with the arrival of the white man. He talks of the contribution of Native Americans to statehood, and says that the two cultures can work together for the good of all citizens in Wisconsin. (Lac du Flambeau Tribe, Planning Department, P.O. Box 67, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538; 715/588-9050)

How to Get a State Job (1997; 10 minutes; closed-captioned) (VHS V-6504 (024917)) tells about the benefits of being an employee of the State of Wisconsin and explains how to find out about job openings and how to apply. (Wisconsin State Employment Options Program, 137 East Wilson St., P.O. Box 7855, Madison, WI 53707-7855; 608/266-9472)

In Our Own Image: Poverty in Wisconsin: Not for Women Only (Women & Poverty Public Education Initiative, 1996; 23 minutes) (VHS V-6433 (024846)). With no narrator and speaking directly, women welfare recipients in Wisconsin representing a cross-section of single mothers, students and workers who live at or below the poverty line, talk about their lives and issues pertaining to welfare. They share their experiences and reactions to Wisconsin's experimental welfare programs. The program is intended to be used and to facilitate discussion in a community setting. (Professor Anne Statham, c/o UW—Parkside Women's Studies Consortium Outreach Office, Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141; 414/595-2162)

Keepers of the Door: The Story of the Door County Lighthouses (Steven Karges/Daniel Larson/Com-Video, 1997; 60 minutes) (VHS V-6615 (025039)) documents the story of the lighthouses of Door County, and the people who kept the lights burning from 1836 to the present. Historic photos and historical information about their importance to Great Lakes shipping are interspersed with interviews with children and kin of the lighthouse keepers who recollect their personal experiences and observations while visiting or living at these outposts. (Com-Video, 1620 Willard Terrace., De Pere, WI 54115; 414/336-3500)

The Lure of the Crooked River (1997; 57 minutes) (VHS V-6569 (024993)) was originally broadcast October 28, 1997, on the television series "Emphasis Wisconsin." It is a portrait of land use and the way of life in the Kickapoo River Valley in southwestern Wisconsin today. Residents talk about their lifestyles, tell why they like living there, and discuss the opportunities and challenges which accompany the area's increasing popularity. (WMVS/WMT, 1036 N. 8th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233; 414/297-7552)

The Old Masters of Musky Hunting (1998; 92 minutes) (VHS V-6570 (024994)). Veteran Wisconsin northwoods

musky guides recall the early years of the sport of musky fishing and compare those golden days with the present. They talk about what makes the musky so special, what a guide's day was like, musky fishing equipment, and vacationing up north. This program is a celebration of musky fishing and provides a look at earlier days of recreational activity in Wisconsin's north country. (Note: This program is licensed for Home Use Only) (Video Art Productions, P.O. Box 44, Cottage Grove, WI 53527)

The Rush for Grey Gold (1998; 118 minutes; closed captioned; with guide and script) (VHS V-6549 (024962)) is a documentary on the 1820s rush of miners to the Upper Mississippi Lead Region that encompasses Southwest Wisconsin, eastern Iowa and northwest Illinois. The story is told with dramatized simulations and in the words of people who lived it.

Over 75 accounts have been woven together, each a snapshot of how explorers, miners, native people, frontier women, soldiers, politicians, travel writers, and spiritual leaders viewed their place in the lead rush. (Ootek Productions, S12229 Round River Trail, Spring Green, WI 53588; 608/544-5662)

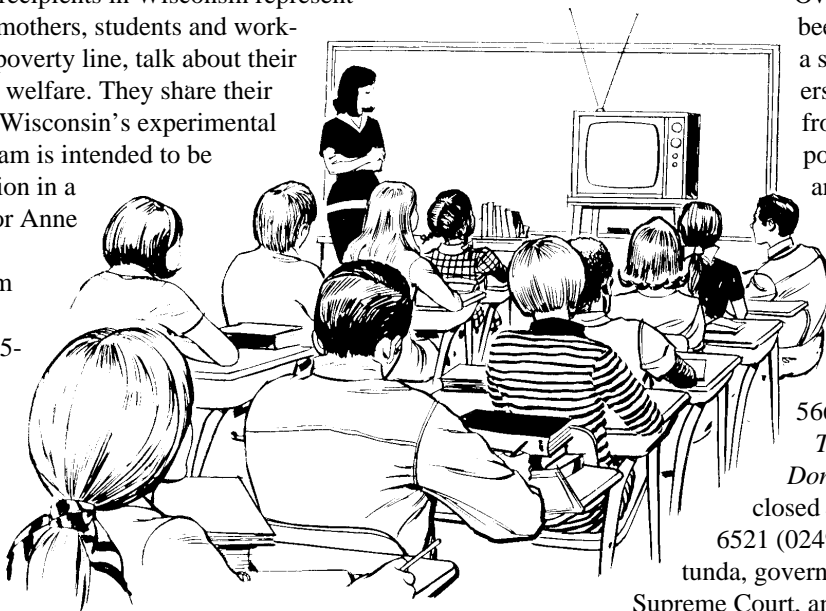
Treasures Beneath the Dome (1997; 15 minutes; closed captioned) (VHS V-6521 (024934)) shows the rotunda, governor's conference room,

Supreme Court, and the chambers of the

legislature and senate in the state capitol building in Madison. The program highlights the beauty of the marble, the skylights, and the murals describing Wisconsin's history, and also explains the legislative process that transpires beneath the dome. (Wisconsin Dept. of Administration, Division of Buildings and Police Services, 4 East Capitol, Madison, WI 53702; 608/266-0382)

Two older videos are from the Association of Wisconsin Lobbyists and are about lobbying as a part of Wisconsin's political process. *You're a Lobbyist, Too!* (1993; 15 minutes; with teacher's manual) (VHS V-6506 (024919)) uses dramatization as two teenagers guide the viewer through the legislative process in Wisconsin focusing on the purpose of lobbying and on how lobbyists work. *Outside the Swinging Doors: Lobbyists At Work* (23 minutes) (VHS V-6507 (024920)) is intended to provide insight into the role of lobbyists in the process of lawmaking during a typical week at the Wisconsin State Legislature in Madison. (Association of Wisconsin Lobbyists, 30 W. Mifflin

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St., Suite 30, Madison, WI 53703; 608/257-3541)

Three videos on the archaeological process and about archaeological activity in parts of Wisconsin were produced by the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC), a non-profit organization based at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The tapes were produced by archaeologists who are working to discover, preserve, and foster understanding of ancient cultures in the region. (Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1725 State St., La Crosse, WI 54601; 608/785-8463)

Archaeology at Perrot State Park (1996; 24 minutes) (VHS V-6510 (024923)) chronicles the work of the MVAC archaeologists as they look for Native American village sites and the fort of French explorer Nicholas Perrot.

Midway Village: A Vision of the Past (1989; 29 minutes) (VHS V-6509 (024922)) describes the 1988 archaeological dig at Midway Village, the site of a prehistoric Oneota village located north of La Crosse. The program documents the excavation, which had to be done during a narrow two-month window of opportunity before the site would be destroyed by the development of a quarry.

Mounds of the Upper Mississippi River Valley (1997; 18 minutes) (VHS V-6511 (024929)) examines the study of mounds from the 1800s to the present day and explores how archaeologists use scientific evidence gathered over the past 100 years to learn more about the Native American cultures of the upper Mississippi River Valley.

Wisconsin Public Television (Wisconsin Public Television Program Marketing, 821 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706; 608/263-4575) is a regular producer of programs on Wisconsin, and these are some recent ones. All of them have been telecast and are available on videocassette.

Love of the Land (1997; 57 minutes; closed captioned) (VHS V-6612 (025036)). Environmental reporter Ron Seely examines Wisconsin's history of land use and how restorationists are acting to restore and preserve Wisconsin's grasslands, wetlands, woodlands, waterways, prairies, sloughs and uplands. The program looks at how people have altered the face of the land, how attitudes toward stewardship of the land have changed, and present-day efforts to preserve and protect the beauty of the land. Included are visits with individuals who are doing what they can to leave their land better than when they found it.

More Quilts of Wisconsin (1997; 120 minutes; closed-captioned) (VHS V-6611 (025035))—Sewing expert Nancy Zieman hosts a program that highlights the art and craft of quilting in Wisconsin. Work of over 100 Wisconsin quilters is showcased and the host and several quilting experts demonstrate tips and special techniques of quilting. This is a companion to an earlier program, *Quilts of Wisconsin* (1996)

(VHS V-6365 (024791)).

U Rah Rah Wisconsin: A History of Badger Football (1998; 75 minutes; closed-captioned) (VHS V-6614 (025038)) documents the history of University of Wisconsin football from its beginnings in the 1870s to the present. The program describes Wisconsin Badgers traditions and shows some of the personalities, players and events, both on and off the field, that have made memories for generations of passionate fans. It looks at leaner times as well as the four Rose Bowl appearances and the celebrated UW Marching Band. Included are interviews and historical photographs and footage.

The Wisconsin Gardener (Wisconsin Public Television, 1994-1998. Some programs are closed captioned (CC)) is a continuing series of programs hosted by master gardener and gardening enthusiast Shelley Ryan which focuses on the gardening needs and conditions particular to Wisconsin. The programs cover gardening tasks and concerns of the different seasons, and activities and crafts using things from the garden. In each 30-minute program, guest experts, fellow gardeners, and craftspeople that share information and advice and demonstrate techniques join Ryan. The programs are helpful for both beginner and experienced gardeners.

The currently available titles are:

- "Autumn Highlights" (CC) (VHS V-6409 (024817))
- "Early Winter Garden Care" (CC) (VHS V-6414 (024822))
- "Getting Ready for the Growing Season" (CC) (VHS V-6411 (024819))
- "Gifts from the Garden" (CC) (VHS V-6410 (024818))
- "Harvest Creations" (CC) (VHS V-6421 (024829))
- "Indoor Gardening" (CC) (VHS V-6419 (024827))
- "It's Planting Time" (CC) (VHS V-6412 (024820))
- "Kids and Gardening" (CC) (VHS V-6413 (024821))
- "Landscaping with Wisconsin Wildflowers" (CC) (VHS V-6586 (025010))
- "Late Summer Projects" (VHS V-6405 (024813))
- "Lawn Care" (CC) (VHS V-6417 (024825))
- "On the Rocks" (CC) (VHS V-6420 (024828))
- "Perennials" (VHS V-6404 (024812))
- "Planning Ahead" (CC) (VHS V-6418 (024826))
- "Planting Beauty for Your Yard & Garden" (CC) (VHS V-6416 (024824))
- "Putting the Garden to Bed" (CC) (VHS V-6587 (025011))
- "Shade and Container Gardens" (VHS V-6408 (024816))
- "Spring Planting" (VHS V-6407 (024815))
- "Waiting for the Snow to Melt" (CC) (VHS V-6415 (024823))
- "Winter Garden Projects" (VHS V-6406 (024814))

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Wisconsin Stories (1998) is a special series of five one-hour documentaries produced in cooperation by Wisconsin Public Television and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin as part of the statewide celebration of Wisconsin's sesquicentennial. The programs examine aspects of Wisconsin life to see how people have shaped and been shaped by the state's historical development. Interviews, writings and speeches, visuals of the state today, and archival photographs and materials are used to provide in-depth looks at geography, people, politics, work and play. More information about the programs and Wisconsin history, and access to historical documents and educational activities may be found at the website <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/WisconsinStories>. Transcripts of the programs may be found at the website <http://www.wpt.org/history/storiestrans.html>.

The programs in the series are:

- "This Place We Call Wisconsin" (VHS V-6634 (025059)) explores the state's geographical history and human and cultural changes to it.
- "Finding a Home" (VHS V-6635 (025060)) looks at who settled in Wisconsin, why they came, and the changes they brought.
- "Laboratory of Democracy" (VHS V-6636 (025061)) examines Wisconsin's political history including the state's traditional openness to new ideas, third parties, and reform.
- "Building a State" (VHS V-6637 (025062)) describes industrialization and agricultural development in the state including the transition from wheat growing to dairy farming, lumbering, tourism, and the role of women in the workplace.
- "Time to Play" (VHS V-6638 (025063)) tells of Wisconsin leisure-time activities, many of which reflect historic and ethnic origins of the people.

Some Websites for Wisconsin History and Media

The Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission website provides information on sesquicentennial celebration events, activities, educational programs, merchandise, and more.

<http://www.150years.state.wi.us/home.htm>

The Wisconsin Electronic Reader is a cooperative digital imaging project of the University of Wisconsin-Madison General Library System and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. It has information on Wisconsin history including stories, essays, letters, poems, biographies, and journals.

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<http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/WIReader>

The Wisconsin Educational Communication Board offers the multimedia resource "Wisconsin: Celebrating People, Place and Past." This website is a companion to this interactive CD-ROM-based educational package on Wisconsin history, culture, geography and government appropriate for fourth grade and above. The site includes a description of this resource and many links for research about Wisconsin.

<http://www.ecb.org/wisconsin>

This Wisconsin Public Television website provides a broadcast schedule of WPT programming on Wisconsin history and has transcripts of the programs in the *Wisconsin Stories* video series.

<http://www.wpt.org/history>

This State Historical Society of Wisconsin's Website has information about the *Wisconsin Stories* video series, Wisconsin history, historical documents, and educational activities.

<http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/WisconsinStories>

VHS Videocassette Loan Catalog is a title listing of videocassettes available for free loan from the Wisconsin Department of Public

Instruction's Reference and Loan Library. A title keyword search of this database will result in a listing of many of the library's numerous videocassettes on Wisconsin.

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/rll/vhslist.html>

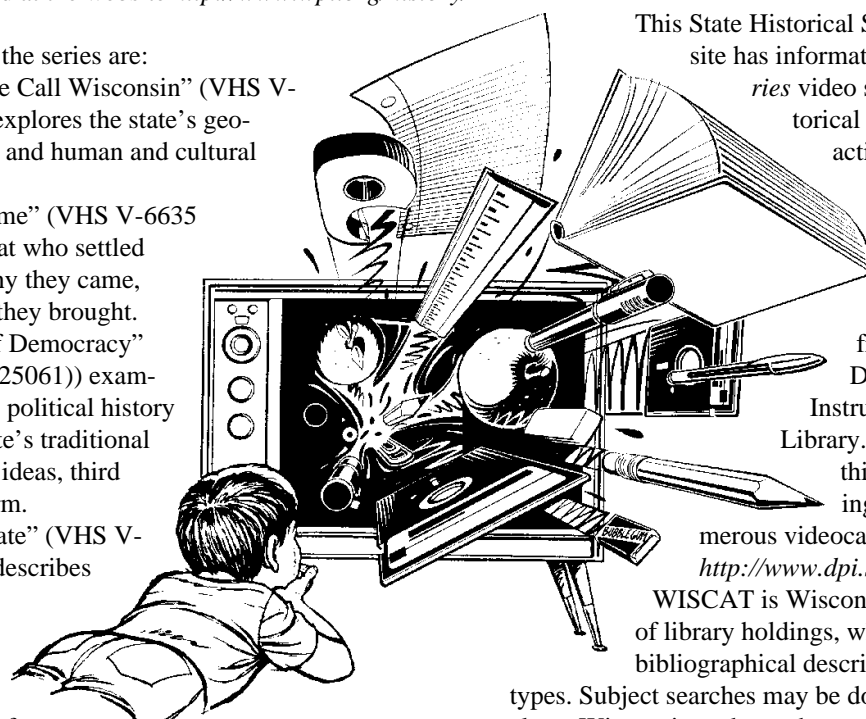
WISCAT is Wisconsin's statewide union catalog of library holdings, which may be used to find full bibliographical descriptions of materials of all types. Subject searches may be done to identify library materials on Wisconsin and searches may be qualified by media format.

<http://wiscat.brodart.com>

Borrowing Videos from the Reference and Loan Library

Libraries and library media centers of all types may call or send requests for videocassettes directly to the Reference and Loan Library. Optionally, they may send requests through regular interlibrary loan channels. Organizations and businesses, teachers at kindergarten through 12th-grade schools, faculty and staff at academic institutions, and state agency employees may contact Reference and Loan directly or send interloan requests through their libraries.

The R&LL phone number for direct video requests is (608) 224-6169. The fax number is (608) 224-6178. All other users, including individual borrowers, should request materials on interlibrary loan through their public library rather than contacting Reference and Loan directly. ■■



Statewide Delivery Services Advisory Committee established

The Division for Libraries and Community Learning is establishing a Statewide Delivery Services Advisory Committee to continue to provide advice on issues related to the ongoing development and funding of statewide delivery services.

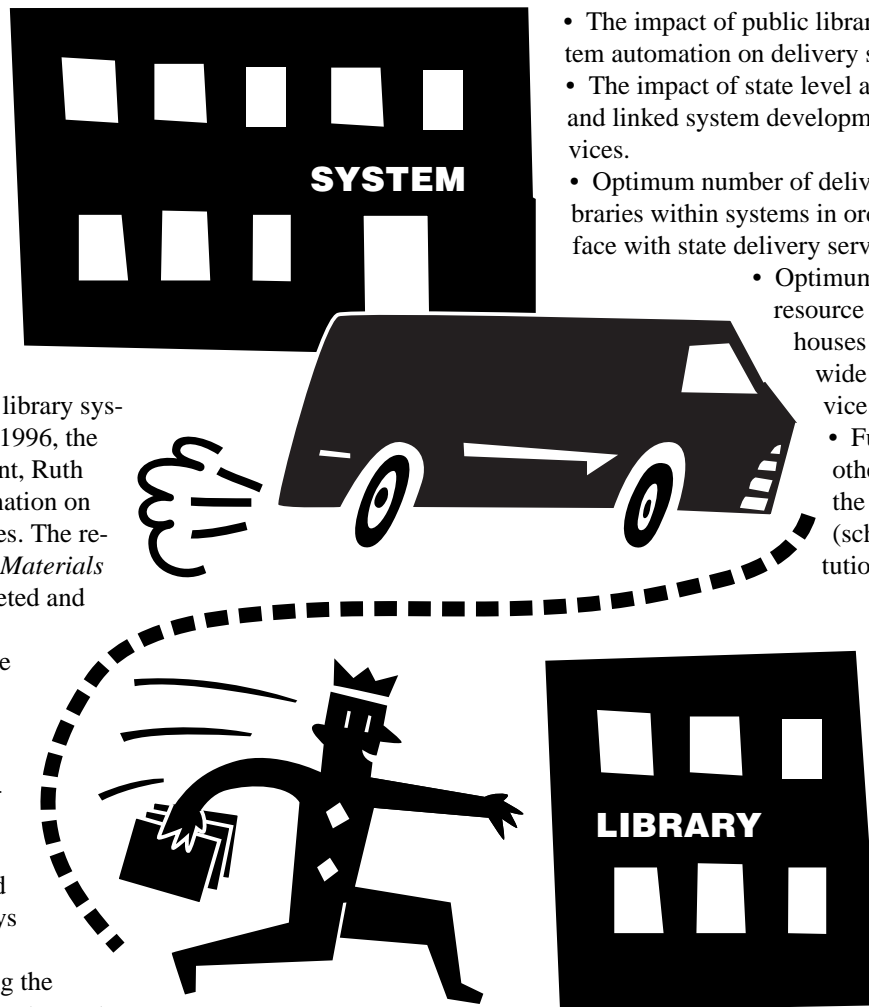
Beginning in 1992, the Division worked with the former Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Advisory Committee to expand delivery of library materials to improve resource sharing among libraries. Funds were allocated between 1992 and 1995 to extend the South Central Library System's delivery service to connect public library system delivery services. In 1996, the Division hired a consultant, Ruth Bessant, to collect information on statewide delivery services. The report, *Delivery of Library Materials in Wisconsin*, was completed and disseminated to libraries.

Following review of the report, the newly formed Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Committee recommended that a state level advisory committee be established and funded to continue to review ways to improve delivery of library materials. Following the publication of the consultant report, the LSTA Advisory Committee also agreed to fund a demonstration of van delivery services in the Northern Waters Library Service area to determine if van delivery provides adequate and cost effective services in this large, sparsely populated area of the state. Since that time, Bessant has also compiled a report and recommendations for the Indianhead Federated Library System on organization and funding of system wide delivery services.

The committee, composed of representatives from all types

of libraries throughout the state, is expected to deliberate the following issues.

- Trends in future intersystem, system, and multi-type library delivery services in the future.
- Current problems or concerns related to delivery services.
- The impact of public library system and UW-system automation on delivery services.
- The impact of state level automation (WISCAT and linked system development) on delivery services.
- Optimum number of delivery stops for public libraries within systems in order to adequately interface with state delivery service.
- Optimum number of stops for resource libraries/clearing-houses taking part in the statewide interconnection service.
- Further incorporation of other types of libraries into the delivery service (schools, academic, institutions, etc.).
- Cost sharing formulas for delivery services (for public library systems, individual libraries).
- How currently disparate area funding formulas for intersystem delivery services may be revised into a single funding formula.
- Evaluation of further models for incorporating Northern Waters Library Service into the delivery service.
- Evaluation of further models in which systems might work cooperatively to provide delivery services.
- How any other unserved areas of the state or libraries might be provided delivery services.
- How the efficiency and cost of current delivery services can be accurately measured.
- How further efficiencies/cost savings can be achieved. ■



Hedberg chosen Library of the Year

The Wisconsin Library Association has named the Hedberg Public Library in Janesville the 1998 Library of the Year, thanks in large part to its dedication to service and innovation.

"I'm thrilled that Hedberg has been selected for this award," said Library Director Karen Krueger. "In the last three years a lot of things have happened at our library that I felt are deserving of special recognition—the fund drive, the new technologies, JATV, computer training—and it all came together because we really do have a great staff."

In his letter of nomination, Ed Pulliam, who recently retired from the library board of trustees, said the library deserves the award because of its "un-

swerving focus on the user of the library" as well as its "excellent service program, hallmarked by a commitment to ease of use and accessibility." He also lauded the library's innovative use of technology, integration into community life and great staff.

Nine city officials and residents wrote letters of support for the nomination, including one from a self-described "septuagenarian" who wrote, "As one who is still trying to come to terms with the ballpoint pen I am always impressed by the patient solicitude with which the Hedberg staff assists me in the use of the library's technology."

In addition to excellent service, the library is being recognized for such innovations as being the first networked all-

PC library system in the state and offering expanded accessibility through public access cable television.

Krueger said that many of the innovations at the library did not come without risk. "We took some chances," she admitted, with features like the Coffee Cart (a coffee service in the lower lobby), the Friendshop, VendaCard and JATV (the public access cable station housed in the library's administrative offices.) "Whenever we make a decision here, we think about our users and try always to put them first," Krueger said.

While pleased to receive the award, Krueger said that "Every library works hard and, I think, does a good job. All libraries deserve recognition."

The award will be presented during a ceremony October 28 at the annual WLA Conference in Lake Geneva. ■

Arrowhead Library System offers 'KidsPage' **KidsClick! helps guide children on the web**

Finding Internet resources that are educational and appropriate for children can be a challenge, but a new site compiled by librarians for children is a good starting point.

KidsClick! is comprised of almost 1,800 records for Internet resources of interest to kids that have been selected, annotated and categorized by a team of librarians. You can find KidsClick! at (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/>).

KidsClick! attempts to provide flexible and fast access to the best that the Internet has to offer kids of all ages. Records can be browsed in major categories, sub-categories, or specific subjects. Searches can be limited by a controlled subject vocabulary, reading level, and amount of illustrative material.

New from ALS

The new Arrowhead Library System (ALS) KidsPage is up and running (and its new animated images are crawling, rotating, pulsing and popping) with lots of new sites of interest to children from preschool on up. As a new twist, the KidsPage (<http://als.lib.wi.us/KidsPage.html>) is focusing on sites related to books and authors—which in most cases also feature games, puzzles, and other fun stuff to keep cyberkids happy.

Little kids can poke around the Arthur Home Page, Peter Rabbit's website, and home pages for the Berenstain Bears, while older kids can explore the Goosebumps or Animorphs pages. There are many more sites, as well as access to an extensive index of links to children's authors and illustrators, including those in the online Contemporary Author series. ■

Library space needs outline available on DLCL web page

Grappling with library space needs is complicated business, but a document on the Division for Libraries and Community Learning (DLCL) web page can give some much-needed guidance.

"Public Library Space Needs: A Planning Outline 1998" is available at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/pld/plspace.html>. Authored by Anders Dahlgren in DLCL's Public Library Development unit, the outline is intended to help librarians and library trustees determine whether to initiate a facilities planning process. By completing the outline, librarians can obtain a general estimate of their library's space needs based on their library's underlying service goals.

If you have problems accessing any of the files, contact Robert Bocher at (608) 266-2127 or send e-mail to bocherf@mail.state.wi.us. ■

Around Wisconsin

People

Geri Feucht is the new director of the Horicon Public Library. She was formerly the technical services librarian at the Sun Prairie Public Library and cataloger at SCLS automation.

Eric Norton is the new head of Children's Services at the McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids.

After 20 years at the Weyenberg Library, **Alice Sedgwick** will retire on Dec. 31, 1998.

Carol Reinagle, library media specialist for the Rice Lake Area School District, was named a 1998 Media Professional of the Year by the Wisconsin Educational Media Association (WEMA).

Carla Hardy, director of the C.A. Friday Memorial Public Library in New Richmond, resigned in August to take a position with the Washington County (MN) Library.

Rob Reid, children's librarian at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Library in Eau Claire, has resigned to begin teaching full-time at UW-Eau Claire.

Marilynn Amundson, former director of the Calhoun Memorial Library in Chetek, now is the media director of the Flambeau School District.

Marlene Moulton Janssen began Au-

gust 10 as the director of the Polk County Library Federation.

Places

The **Manitowoc-Calumet Library System** and **Manitowoc Public Library** have moved. The new address for both is 707 Quay Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220. The system phone number is (920) 683-4870. To reach Interlibrary Loan ask for extension 8; Carol Gibson extension

333; and Alan Engelbert extension 337. The new number for the Manitowoc Public Library is (920) 683-4863.

Awards

Calvin Potter, Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries & Community Learning, received the Public Official of the Year Award from the South Central Library System for his significant contributions as a public official to libraries. ■■

National Library Week 1999 theme announced

The theme for next year's National Library Week, April 11-17, will be "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library." The annual observance will feature a national photo contest sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Library of Congress.

"National Library Week celebrates something we often take for granted—how our nation's libraries enable us to read, learn, and connect to information and resources that enrich our lives everyday," says Ann K. Symons, ALA president, 1998-99.

A photo contest, titled "Beyond Words: Celebrating America's Libraries," also is available this year. Libraries of all types are encouraged to sponsor local contests in early 1999 and to announce local winners during National Library Week. Local winners must be forwarded for national judging by May 1, 1999. Ingram Library Services underwrites the contest.

Tips for celebrating National Library Week and photo contest guidelines are available on the ALA web page at <http://www.ala.org>. Materials also are available from the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; (800) 545-2433, ext. 5044/4041. Send e-mail to pio@ala.org. ■■

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