

2010 WVLS Glossary of Acronyms & Library/System Related Terms

802.11g. The first generation of wireless networking technologies were cool. And if you were just accessing Internet content, they seemed plenty fast. But you could forget about sending large files to other systems on the same wireless network. 802.11g made wireless usable for most networking tasks and helped boost the spread of Wi-Fi to offices, homes, parks and hotels around the world.

AACR2 Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (2nd ed.). Used as a standard for cataloging procedures and decisions in most libraries and revised periodically.

AACR2R Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (2nd edition revised).

AASL American Association of School Librarians. A division of ALA.

Acrobat Reader. A program from Adobe that lets you capture a document and then view it in its original format and appearance.

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act. A comprehensive and complex act of Congress passed in 1990, intended to eliminate discrimination against the disabled. Title III deals with access to public accommodations including libraries. ADA also deals with employment practices.

Aggregator Software. Aggregators reduce the time and effort needed to regularly check websites for updates, creating a unique information space or “personal newspaper”. Once subscribed to a feed, an aggregator is able to check for new content at user-determined intervals and retrieve the updates.

AL American Libraries periodical.

ALA American Library Association.

ALS Arrowhead Library System – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Janesville.

ALSC Association for Library Service to Children. A division of ALA.

ALTA Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. A division of ALA.

ALTAFF Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. A division of ALA.

Amazon EC2. Probably the first real iteration of a cloud-computing platform, Amazon’s Elastic Compute Cloud is still one of the most popular. Making it simple for anyone to throw a virtual server machine onto Amazon’s powerful server platform, EC2 changed what it meant to own a server or even run a business. A large number of new businesses don’t even own server hardware. Their entire operations run on EC2.

AMD64. At the beginning of the decade, general-purpose 64-bit computing wasn’t looking promising. Intel’s Itanium architecture was proving difficult to implement and was generally seen as a disappointment. Instead of taking Intel’s rewrite approach, AMD built its 64-bit platform on existing processor technology and pushed 64-bit processors into the mainstream.

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Anime. Defined as “a Japanese style of motion-picture animation”.

ANSI American National Standards Institute.

Apple iPad. Tablet device generally as large as a small laptop.

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange. A standard format for computer language.

AskAway. A consortium of multitype libraries that work together to provide 24/7 reference services to Wisconsin residents. AskAway is a member of the 24/7 Reference Consortium, a national group representing hundreds of libraries that provides virtual reference services.

AV Audiovisual.

Avatar (Computing). A computer user’s representation of himself/herself or alter ego, whether in the form of a three-dimensional model used in computer games or a two-dimensional icon (picture) used on the Internet and other communities.

AWSL Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians. A division of WLA.

BadgerCat. Started in 2006, a subset of WorldCat that includes books, CDs, DVDs and other items owned by approximately 500 Wisconsin libraries.

BadgerLink. Project of DLTC to provide access to electronic databases for all Wisconsin residents.

Bandwidth. (Computing) Digital bandwidth is a rate for data transfer.

Barcode. Vertical bar patterns representing numbers of letters, that can be read by an electronic scanner, used for inventory control, tracking, and identification of materials. It is also used in library circulation systems for checking in/out materials to patrons.

BI Bibliographic Instruction. Method used to train library clients in using library resources – indexes, online catalog, and computerized databases – through signage, formal classes or one-on-one instruction.

Bi-Folkal Kit. Intergenerational, multimedia, multi-sensory packages built around a particular theme or experience.

Blackberry. The Blackberry quickly became a must-have mobile device, and it’s still pretty much the mobile device of choice for business users. By making it easy to stay connected anywhere, the Blackberry certainly boosted productivity.

Blade Servers. Blade servers have become so commonplace that it’s easy to forget how stunning it was to see an entire server room of systems reduced to a single rack.

Block. Configure your social networking service to prevent a particular user from contacting you or viewing your profile.

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Blog. A web site or section of a web site where users can post a chronological, up-to-date e-journal entry of their thoughts. Each post usually contains a web link. Basically it is open forum communication tool that, depending on the web site, is either very individualistic or performs a crucial function for a company.

Blu-ray Disc. (also known as Blu-ray or BD) An optical disc storage medium. Its main uses are high-definition video and data storage. The disc has the same physical dimensions as standard DVDs or CDs.

Bluetooth. A low-power-consumption and short-range wireless technology for personal area networks (PANS). It connects your personal electronic devices, such as laptops, mobile phones, digital cameras, audio and video equipment, and printers without the clutter of cables.

Boolean Operators. Words such as AND, OR, and NOT that are called “logical operators” and are used to either broaden or narrow the retrieval results of a search. Boolean Searching describes the method of searching in which

BRASS Business Reference & Services Section of RUSA (a division of ALA).

Broadband. Broadband in telecommunications refers to a signaling method that includes or handles a relatively wide range of frequencies, which may be divided into channels. The wider the bandwidth, the greater the information-carrying capacity.

Browser. A computer program for accessing the Internet.

Call Number. Letters and numbers indicating the location of a book or other material within a library.

Camtasia. Software that facilitates screencasting.

CCBC Cooperative Children’s Book Center. A unique examination, study and research library of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. The CCBC supports teaching, learning and research related to children’s and young adult literature and provides informational and educational services based on its collections to students and faculty on the UW-Madison campus and librarians, teachers, child care providers, researchers and other adults in the state of Wisconsin. The CCBC specializes in intellectual freedom issues as they relate to children’s and teens’ access to materials in libraries and classrooms.

CCG Copyright Compliance Guidelines.

CCL Copyright Compliance Law.

CD Children’s Division or Compact Disc.

CD-ROM Compact Disc – Read Only Memory. Used with a computer, the information on it cannot be altered or new information added by the user – therefore it is limited to read-only applications. A CD-ROM can hold more than 650 megabytes of data on one disc, equivalent to more than 200,000 printed pages. The medium is extremely durable and difficult to damage.

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CE Continuing Education. Advanced training in a profession (not leading to a degree) to learn new skills or keep abreast of developments in the field.

Censorship. The act of attempting to prohibit or restrict access to materials or information.

Central Wisconsin Digital Project. A consortium of libraries, historical societies, genealogical societies and museums committed to preserving and disseminating the history of Lincoln and Marathon counties through the digitization of original sources and artifacts and their subsequent publication on the Internet.

CESA Cooperative Educational Service Agency.

Chat or Online Chat. Any kind of communication over the Internet.

ChiliFresh. A review engine for your library, that allows patrons to write reviews and integrate them in the library's online catalog.

CIPA Children's Internet Protection Act. A federal law enacted by Congress in December 2000 to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. CIPA imposes certain types of requirements on any school or library that receives funding from the E-Rate program for Internet access or internal connections. To be CIPA compliant and receive E-rate funding, schools and libraries must have Internet safety policies that include measures to block or filter obscene, harmful pictures on all computers that are accessed by minors.

Cloud Computing. Internet-based development and use of computer technology. The concept incorporates software as a service and provides common business applications online and accessible from a web browser.

CODI Customers of Dynix, Inc.

COLA Cost of Living Adjustment.

COLAND Council on Libraries and Network Development. An advisory council to the DLTCL and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Wisconsin Statute S43.07).

COM Computer Output Microform.

Consortium. A formal or informal association of libraries or other organizations having the same or interrelated objectives.

Copyright. A legal way to protect ownership of a creative work by the artist, writer, or photographer who made it. Provides the copyright owner the exclusive right to authorize reproduction or other uses of the work for a specific period of time.

CORC Cooperative Online Resources Catalog. CORC is web-based cataloging software, and it is also a database of records describing Internet resources. Although CORC was originally developed for Internet resource cataloging, new OCLC products for all types of materials will be a lot like CORC.

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CPU Central Processing Unit.

CSF Common School Fund.

Cutter Number. The “Cutter” is an alpha-numeric device for representing words or names by using one or more letters followed by numerals treated as decimal numbers. In most situations, it represents the author’s last name and enables the alphabetic order of items within a given call number area.

CWDP Central Wisconsin Digital Project.

Cyberbully. To attack, harass, or ridicule a fellow community member via posted text, video or other electronic means.

Cyberspace. Refers to the electronic space created by computers connected together in networks like the Internet. In a broader sense, cyberspace has been used to mean the world of interconnected minds.

DCC Database Consistency Check (checking the quality of a database).

DD Deadline Date.

DDR Dance Dance Revolution. A music video game typically played on a dance pad.

DE Distance Education (or Distance Learning). To deliver education to students who are not physically “on site”.

Deposit Collections. A predetermined number and variety of resources sent to a library for a predetermined amount of time.

Desktop Publishing. The use of personal computers, digitizers and scanners, writing and graphics software, and page layout software to produce printed materials. Desktop publishing can also involve data communications, databases, and number processing software.

DETF Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Digital Lites. Online WVLS newsletter to replace “The Lamplighter” in January 2010.

Digitization. The process of translating data into digital form (binary coded files for use in computers). Scanning images, sampling sound, converting text on paper into text in computer files are examples of digitization.

DLTCL Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning. A division of DPI.

DOI Digital Object Identifier. The DOI system is emerging as an international standard for labeling and tracking intellectual property online. The DOI itself is just a two-part number, with a prefix identifying the original publisher and a suffix identifying the specific work.

DOS Disk Operating System.

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DPI Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

DRM Digital Rights Management. Used by publishers, copyright holders, and hardware manufacturers to limit usage of digital media or devices.

DVD Digital Versatile Disc. Once known as Digital Video Disc, it is the same size as a traditional compact disc but holds more data, and provides high quality sound with high resolution video.

DVS Descriptive Video Service. A company that produces videos for the visually impaired in which key visual aspects of a production are described.

DWWW Discover Wisconsin Writers Week.

Dynix. Automation vendor for the WVLS shared automation system which changed its name to SirsiDynix.

E-Book or Electronic Book. A book that has been converted to digital form and can be read on a computer, usually via network services or CD-ROM. Electronic versions of print books expand on the printed medium by adding hypertext links, search and cross-reference functions, and multimedia.

Email. Also known as “electronic mail,” this is mail that is sent from one computer to another via the Internet.

Equinox Software, Inc. Supports the open source library automation software product Evergreen.

E-Rate. Slang for the Universal Service Fund. On the federal level, provides funding assistant for Internet connections.

ERIC Educational Resources Information Center. A bibliographic database of educational materials.

ESL English as a Second Language.

ESLS Eastern Shores Library System. A Wisconsin library system headquartered in Sheboygan.

ETF (Department of) Employee Trust Funds.

Evergreen. Open source library automation product supported by Equinox Software, Inc.

Facebook. A social networking site.

Fair Use. Provision of copyright law stipulating the allowable and legal use of short passages of copyrighted material without permission, for instance as quotations in a magazine or book.

Fan. A devotee of a product, organization, service, or person, who shows that ardor by adding a page dedicated to this group, to his or her Facebook profile.

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions. Many computer sites and discussion lists have FAQs to provide answers to questions.

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FAX Facsimile Transmission. An electronic system capable of scanning documents, converting them to electronic impulses, which are transmitted and received over telephone lines.

FC Finance Committee.

FCC Federal Communications Commission.

Firefox. A Web browser.

Flash Drive. A small, lightweight, removable and rewritable data storage device with a USB connector which connects to the USB ports of most current mainstream PCs and laptops. A flash drive is more compact, holds more data, and has a more durable design than the floppy disk.

Flickr. A popular photo-sharing Web site.

FOIA Freedom of Information Act.

FOL Friends of the Library.

FOLUSA Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

FOWL Friends of Wisconsin Libraries. State organization promoting and supporting local Friends' groups. In 2007, merged with the Wisconsin Library Trustees Association to become WLTF.

FRBR Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records. An evolving conceptual model designed to help users easily navigate catalogs and find the material they want in the form they want it – be that print, DVD, audio, or adaptations. Developed by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Cataloging Section, FRBR is now being integrated into cataloging theory and implemented into systems and practice.

Friend. To request that a Facebook user add you to her/his list of friends, allowing you access to each other's profile.

Friends. People organized in local communities to encourage library use and to raise funds for library projects.

FTE Full Time Equivalent.

FTP File Transfer Protocol. A method of retrieving computer files from another computer on the Internet.

FY Fiscal Year.

GASB #34 Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #34. Public entities throughout the country have implemented GASB #34. This standard requires changes in the way state and local governments present their financial statements and capitalize and depreciate assets. It is aimed at helping government entities present a more complete and accurate representation of their operations.

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Gmail/Google Apps. Web-based mail and applications existed before Gmail and Google Apps. But none offered the features, convenience and reliability that Google did. Now, entire businesses are running using only Google's Web-based e-mail and productivity applications.

GIGO Garbage In, Garbage Out.

Give-Away Program. A program through which materials withdrawn from any WVLS library (of any type) are offered to other WVLS libraries. Current lists are on the WVLS web site.

GMD General Materials Designator.

Google. Web search engine.

Google Book Search. This tool from Google searches the full text of books that Google scans, converts to text using optical character recognition (OCR), and stores in its digital database. (Formerly known as Google Print)

GoToMeeting. A web conferencing product that allows people to meet online, rather than in a conference room.

GoToWebinar. A web conferencing product that offers "web seminars" or an online event designed to facilitate communication between a small number of presenters and a large remote audience using the Internet.

GPO Government Printing Office.

GPS Global Positioning System. Used for navigation purposes as well as for map-making and land surveying.

HIP Horizon Internet Protocol. The V-Cat database on the Internet.

Homepage. The first page a user sees on an Internet Web site.

Horizon. This is the software that runs the V-Cat or WVLS shared automation system. The graphical user interface software from SirsiDynix. The most recent update, Horizon 7.3.4, was installed in 2006.

HQ Headquarters.

HTML Hypertext Markup Language. A language or programming code used to create documents on the World Wide Web by telling a browser what a Web page should look like.

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol. The portion of a world wide web address that signifies that a document was created in HTML.

I&R Information and Referral.

IF Intellectual Freedom.

IFLS Indianhead Federated Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Eau Claire.

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ILL Interlibrary Loan. The loan of materials between and among libraries.

ILS (Integrated Library System). Library automation systems.

IMC Instructional Media Center.

IMTT Instructional Media & Technology Team. Consists of several consultants in the areas of library, media, and technology and is part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Info Island. This is a piece of virtual property located within the 3D virtual world of Second Life. This island is associated with the Second Life Library 2.0 project.

Innovative Interfaces. Offers the “Millennium” integrated library automation system.

Instant Messaging (IM). Technologies that allow real-time communication between two or more participants over the Internet.

Internet. Decentralized computer networks that link millions of computer users in every country. Bibliographic databases (such as V-Cat), discussion groups, specialized databases (such as Ancestry.com and Novelist) and many other resources may be accessed by computers over high-speed lines.

Internet Explorer. A Web browser

IP Address. An Internet Protocol (IP) address is a numerical identification that is assigned to devices participating in a computer network utilizing the Internet for communications between them.

IPAC Internet Public Access Catalog.

iPod. A brand of portable media players designed and marketed by Apple, Inc.

iPhone/iPod. It was called the Jesus Phone. And while that moniker was definitely hyperbolic, it’s not hype to say that Apple’s iPhone completely changed the smartphone market. And many of these changes probably wouldn’t have come about if the iPod hadn’t set the stage for the iPhone’s usability and design.

ISBN International Standard Book Number.

ISP Internet Service Provider.

ISSN International Standard Serials Number. A unique eight-digit number, in two groups of four, assigned to a periodical by the International Serials Data System.

IT Information Technology. Information Technologist. Person who works with technology and automation.

Jing. Free software that adds visuals to your online conversation.

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KCLS Kenosha County Library System. – A Wisconsin library system headquartered in Kenosha.

Keyword Searching. A method or strategy of searching for a word or combination of words that describe a document in a natural language as opposed to the control-led language of subject descriptor searching.

Kindle. An electronic book (e-book) device launched in the United States by Amazon.com in November 2007. The Kindle may be used as a stand alone without a computer and holds approximately 200 non-illustrated titles.

Koha. An integrated library system developed in New Zealand that is open source and supported by LibLime.

LAC Library Advisory Committee. A WVLS group of 15 libraries representing all types of libraries. Their purpose is to advise the WVLS staff and board on matters relating to promotion and implementation of programs of cooperation and communication among all libraries and other information sources in the WVLS area.

LAMA Library Administration and Management. A division of ALA.

Lamplighter. See “Digital Lites” - the new name of the WVLS newsletter as of January 2010.

LAN Local Area Network. A network that operates within a limited geographic area, typically within a building or group of buildings.

LC Library of Congress. 1. The Library of the U.S. Congress which also serves as our National Library. 2. The classification system used by the majority of larger research libraries.

LCCN Library of Congress Control/Card Number. – assigned to an item by the Library of Congress.

LCOMM Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee.

LD&L Library Development and Legislative Committee. A committee of WLA.

LDR Local Data Record.

LibLime. Supports the open source library software called Koha.

Library 2.0. A loosely defined model for a modernized form of library service that reflects a transition within the library world in the way that services are delivered to users. The focus is on user-centered change and participation in the creation of content and community.

LibraryThing. A prominent social cataloging web application for storing and sharing personal library catalogs and book lists.

LITA Library and Information Technology Association. A division of ALA.

LITAC Library and Information Technology Advisory Committee.

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LJ Library Journal.

LLD Library Legislative Day.

LLS Lakeshores Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Racine.

LP or LT Large Print or Large Type. Printed materials set in 18-point type.

LSTA Library Service and Technology Act. Federal funding program to benefit libraries.

LVIS Libraries Very Interested in Sharing. Represents the first nationwide OCLC resource sharing group agreement whereby participants exchange resources at no charge.

MA Marc Alert. A term used by the V-Cat Council members. A brief bibliographic record.

Mac OS X. While the first iMac got lots of attention, it wasn't until Apple totally revamped its core operating system that the Mac revolution really took off. Mac OS X was a full rewrite built on a Unix core, and since its release the OS has pretty much set the bar for operating system usability and innovation.

MALC Madison Area Library Council. A multitype group similar in purpose to the LAC.

Manga. Comics and print cartoons originally published in Japan. However, manga and manga-influenced comics now exist in other parts of the world.

MARC Machine Readable Cataloging. MARC records contain data in standardized format and allow conversion to automated cataloging and circulation systems. MARC records reduce the need for individual libraries to prepare original cataloging for common acquisitions.

MATS Media and Technology Section of WLA.

MBPS Megabits Per Second. See T-1 Line and T-3 Line.

MCFLS Milwaukee County Federated Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Milwaukee.

MCLS Manitowoc-Calumet Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Manitowoc.

MCPL Marathon County Public Library. – the headquarters library for WVLS.

MCS Multitype Cooperation Section. A section of WLA.

MED Medium.

Meebo. Instant messaging program that supports multiple (IM) instant messaging services such as Yahoo, Facebook, etc.

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Meme (Pronounced like theme). A unit or element of cultural ideas, symbols, or practices transmitted from one mind to another through speech, gestures or rituals.

Metadata. Structured information that describes, explains, locates, or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve, use, or manage an information resource.

Micro-blogging. A form of multimedia blogging that allows users to send brief text updates or photos and audio clips.

Millenium ILS. Integrated library system offered by Innovative Interfaces.

MINITEX. A publicly supported network of libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, headquartered at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities in Minneapolis. Participates reciprocally in interloan with Wisconsin libraries.

MLS Masters Degree in Library Science. The graduate professional degree in library and information science.

Mobile Web. Refers to accessing the World Wide Web (WWW) using a mobile device such as cell phones, PDAs, and other portable gadgets connected to public network.

MP-3 Motion Picture Experts Group, Audio Layer 3. A way of compressing audio (sound/music) files so they are small enough to download quickly from the Internet. The technology creates sound files a tenth the size of standard CD music files with very little loss of sound quality.

MULS Minnesota Union List of Serials.

Multicore Processors. People who have moved from a PC based on a single-core processor to one based on a multicore processor are typically blown away. There in your system is a processor that would smoke the most powerful servers and workstations of the 1990s.

Multimedia. An item that combines more than one medium – ex. Audiovisual media with the printed word.

Multitype Cooperation. The involvement of all types of libraries – public, academic, school, and special – in cooperative arrangements.

MWFLS Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Mayville.

MySpace. A social networking site.

NCLIS National Commission on Library and Information Science. A federal advisory group composed of representatives from various library groups and distinguished librarians.

NEH National Endowment for the Humanities.

Netbooks. Vendors have pushed microlaptops on us before, but these systems have all failed due to being underpowered and overpriced. The current wave of netbooks fixes those problems, achieving small size along with

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decent capabilities and low prices. While hardware vendors may hate them, netbooks continue to be popular with consumers.

NetLibrary. OCLC-owned company that sells e-book subscriptions.

NEWIL Northeast Wisconsin Intertype Libraries. A multitype group similar in purpose to the LAC.

News Feed. A constantly updated, but not necessarily comprehensive, list of Facebook friends' activities, such as changes to their profiles, wall posts, or the addition of new friends.

NFLS Nicolet Federated Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Green Bay.

Ning. An online platform for people to create their own social networks.

NISO National Information Standards Organization. NISO is a non-profit association accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), that identifies, develops, maintains, and publishes technical standards to manage information in our changing and ever-more digital environment.

NLW National Library Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association annually in April.

Nonresident. A person who resides outside the taxing area of a public library.

NTC Northcentral Technical College.

NWLS Northern Waters Library Service. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Ashland.

OCLC (Formerly) Online Computer Library Center. A bibliographic utility based in Ohio which provides online cataloging, interlibrary loan, serials control and other services to libraries worldwide.

OCR Optical Character Recognition. Refers to the branch of computer science that involves reading text from paper and translating the images into a form that the computer manipulates.

OIF Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Online Chat or Chat. Any kind of communication over the internet.

OPAC Online Public Access Catalog. A computer workstation for use by the public which is connected to a library's circulation system; can be searched by author, title, etc., and shows an item's status (on shelf, overdue, etc.)

OPAL Online Programming for All Libraries. An international collaborative effort by libraries and other organizations to provide web-based programs and training for library users and library staff members.

Open Office. OpenOffice.org is a multiplatform and multilingual office suite and an open source produce. Compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use and distribute.

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Open Source. Open source is a development method for software that harnesses the power of distributed peer review and transparency of process.

OS Operating System.

OSLS Open Source Library Software.

Outreach. Programs and activities that extend beyond the library building. Examples include service to nursing homes, jails, and other correctional facilities; bookmobile service and books-by-mail service to geographically remote areas; and service to the homebound.

Overdrive. A vendor whose products include downloadable audiobooks and videos.

OWLS Outagamie Waupaca Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Appleton.

PAC Public Access Catalog. May be used interchangeably with the term OPAC; may also mean a catalog of library holdings which is not online.

PAN Personal Area Network.

PDA Personal Digital Assistant. A handheld computer, also known as a palmtop computer.

PDF Portable Document Format. A document that can be as simple as coloring sheets with a few images for preschoolers to formatted academic studies with charts and graphs, the PDF format allows these documents to be transmitted electronically in an unalterable format identical to the one in which it was published. An Acrobat Reader program (downloaded from the Internet) is needed to read and print PDF documents.

PDL Periodical. A library word used to describe magazines, journals and newspapers.

PILL Patron-initiated InterLibrary Loan.

PLA Public Library Association. A division of ALA.

Playaway. A portable, self-contained device that comes preloaded with one audio book.

Podcast. Radio-style shows in MP-3 format that may be created, downloaded and listened to on a computer device.

POE (Power over Ethernet). It still is a relatively new technology, and many companies haven't implemented it yet. But companies that have moved to POE have seen major benefits, especially in the ability to run devices such as VOIP (Voice over IP) phones, access points and other appliances without the need for a wall wart to provide power.

Poke. A way to interact with your friends on Facebook.

Polaris Library Systems. Integrated library system vendor.

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Portable Media Player. A portable consumer electronic device that is capable of storing and playing digital media, such as digital audio, video, and images.

PPC Pocket PC. Any PDA that use Microsoft mobile operating system.

PPP Point to Point Protocol. Enables a computer to connect to the Internet with a modem and a telephone line; allows a user to use a browser such as Netscape.

Profile. User profile or simply profile is a collection of personal data associated to a specific user.

Proxy Server. A server (a computer system or an application program) that acts as a go-between for requests from clients seeking resources from other servers.

R&L 1). The Reference and Loan Library – Madison. A library run by the DLTCL – Wisconsin Statute S43.05(11) – to supplement the collections of public libraries, systems and other libraries, and to provide lending services to state government. 2). The process of locating answers to specific questions and “loaning” the materials which contain the answers to requests.

RASD Reference and Adult Services Division. A division of ALA.

RASS Reference and Adult Services Section. A division of WLA.

RFI Request For Identification.

RFI Request For Information. Standard business process that provides written information about the capabilities of various suppliers.

RFID Radio Frequency Identification technology.

RFP Request for Proposal. A document requesting potential suppliers to submit proposals to sell goods or services at a proposed price. Also called a request for bid. Usually the RFP contains detailed specifications of the goods or services wanted.

RLIN Research Libraries Information Network.

Rotating Collections. Predetermined numbers and varieties of materials sent to one library after another for specific periods of time.

Router. Computer hardware that makes decisions about which path Internet traffic will take to reach its destination.

RSS Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication. A “pull” technology that retrieves new content from web sites (text, audio, video, pictures.) and brings it to users. RSS makes it possible for people to keep up with their favorite web sites without having to search entire sites for new content. To retrieve new content, users must subscribe to a RSS feed or aggregator software.

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RUSA Reference and User Services Association. A division of ALA.

SaaS (Software as a Service). An alternative to traditional computing in which people use software applications that are located on the Internet rather than on their own computers or networks. SaaS is typically thought of as a low-cost way to obtain rights to use software as needed versus licensing all devices with all applications. On-demand licensing enables the benefits of commercially licensed use without the associated complexity and potential high initial cost of equipping every device with applications that are infrequently used but needed.

SCLS South Central Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Madison.

Screencasting. Creating a digital movie in which the setting is partly or wholly a computer screen, in which audio narration describes the on-screen action. Screencasts are carefully produced works designed to educate, entertain or influence an audience.

SDI Selective Dissemination of Information.

Search Engine. Special sites on the Web that are designed to help people find information stored on other sites. There are differences in the ways various search engines work, but they all search the Internet, or parts of the Internet – based on important words in their indexes.

Second Life (SL). This is a virtual world developed by Linden Lab and is accessible via the Internet. Residents can explore, meet other residents, socialize, participate in individual and group activities.

Server. A computer which hosts software for services such as electronic mail routing, database sharing, or file transfer to local or remote computers.

Shelf List. List of materials owned. Arranged in the order they are kept on the shelf.

Short Message Service (SMS). SMS is a communication service standard that allows the interchange of short text messages between mobile telephone devices.

SirsiDynix. Automation vendor for the WVLS shared automation system.

Sitemap (or Site Map). Lists the pages of a web site.

Skype. Software that allows users to make telephone calls over the Internet. Additional features include instant messaging, file transfer, and video conferencing. Skype helped show consumers how cheap and easy voice calls can be from a PC.

SLA Special Libraries Association. A division of ALA.

SLC Schools and Library Cooperation.

SLD School and Library Division.

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SLIS School of Library and Information Studies/Science. – in Milwaukee and Madison.

SLP Summer Library Program.

Smartphone. A mobile phone offering advanced capabilities beyond a typical mobile phone, often with PC-like functionality.

Social Cataloging Application. A web application that is designed to help users catalog things – books, CDs, etc. – owned or otherwise of interest to them. This allows them to share the catalogs and improve the cataloging description.

Social Networking Site. An online social network that allows people to create and share personal information via photos, music, videos and personal blogs. Each social network has different rules and methods for searching out and contacting potential friends.

SOMBAW System Office Managers and Business Administrators of Wisconsin.

SOPAC Social Online Public Access Catalog.

Special Needs. The educationally and socioeconomically disadvantaged in urban and rural areas; functionally illiterate and unemployed persons; the elderly; ethnic minorities; persons with limited English-speaking ability; persons with physical/mental disabilities (including people with developmental disabilities and mentally ill persons); and residents of the state, county and locally funded institutions.

SRLAAW System and Resource Library Administrator's Association of Wisconsin.

SRRT Social Responsibilities Round Table. A division of WLA.

Stacks. The bookshelves in a library.

Status Update. New information on Facebook friends' activities.

StumbleUpon. An Internet community that allows its users to discover and rate Web pages, photos, and videos. It is a personalized recommendation engine which uses peer and social-networking principles. Web pages are presented when the user clicks the "Stumble" button on the browser's toolbar. StumbleUpon chooses which Web page to display based on the user's ratings of previous pages, ratings by his/her friends, and by the ratings of users with similar interests.

Subject Request. A ready-reference or research request sent to WVLS by an area member library.

SUDOC Superintendent of Documents. SUDOC numbers are assigned by the Government Printing Office to documents and are used to order items from the GPO.

Survey Monkey. A free tool to create and publish custom surveys via the Internet.

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SWAC Spoken Word Audiocassette.

SWLS Southwest Wisconsin Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Fennimore.

Symphony. SirsiDynix integrated library system product.

T-1 Line. A dedicated fiber optic communications line leased from the telephone company, which provides high speed access to the Internet. A T-1 line is capable of carrying data at 1.5444 megabites per second (MBPS).

Tablet Device. Any device with an open-face display, generally as large as a small laptop.

TABOR Tax Payer Bill of Rights. A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin which would limit state spending to the growth of population and inflation. While many people would like to see lower taxes in Wisconsin, there is a great deal of argument over whether or not an idea like this should become part of the state's Constitution.

Tags or Tagging (Computing). A keyword or term associated with or assigned to a piece of information.

TDD Telecommunication Device for the hearing impaired.

TEACH Technology for Educational Achievement.

TechAtlas. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a free web-based technology management and planning tool for libraries.

Telnet. A program that allows a person on the Internet to connect to selected information around the world.

Text Messaging. Texting is the common term for the sending of "short" text messages from mobile phones using the Short Message Service (SMS). For a great list of Text Message abbreviations, go to:

http://www.webopedia.com/quick_ref/textmessageabbreviations.asp

TPD Technical Processing Department.

TTS Text-To-Speech. The ability of a computer to convert any text into spoken words. Useful to people with visual disabilities, proof-readers, people who prefer to listen to their ebooks, people learning a foreign language, and as a simple pronunciation guide for those unfamiliar words encountered in print but never spoken.

Tweets. Text-based updates sent in twitter.

Twitter. A social networking and micro-blogging service that allows its users to send and read others' updates (or tweets), which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters-in length.

UD Use Date.

UMDUG Upper Midwest Dynix User Group.

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Union List. A combined listing of the holdings of two or more agencies or departments.

URL Universal/Uniform Resource Locator. The standard way to give the address of any resource on the Internet that is a WWW site.

USA PATRIOT Act Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act. – passed on October 26, 2001, and designed to broaden surveillance capabilities of law enforcement following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

USENET. On the Internet, an enormous, distributed, online bulletin board system with millions of messages in thousands of different topic groups flowing daily.

User Friendly. Easy to use format implying the dialogue or interface capabilities between a computer user and computer is simple to understand.

USF Universal Service Fund.

UW University of Wisconsin.

UWEX University of Wisconsin – Extension Services provides continuing education opportunities.

UWM University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Campus.

UWMC University of Wisconsin – Marathon Campus.

UWSP University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Campus.

V-Cat. The name of the WVLS shared automation system.

V-Cat Council. – A WVLS group made up of one representative from each V-Cat member library, whose purpose is to implement policies and procedures related to the WVLS shared automation system.

VCR Videocassette Recorder.

Vertical File. A collection of pamphlets, clippings, and/or pictures kept in a filing cabinet and arranged for ready reference, generally by subject. Also called pamphlet file or information file.

Virtual Gift. An online token, usually in the form of birthday cakes or champagne bottles, that friends can send to each other.

Virtualization. Virtualization software enables a single computer to function as several virtual computers. You can install multiple operating systems (for example, Windows, Linux, Mac OS X) on a single physical computer and they can each run independently, as if they were installed on their own physical computer. There is no visible difference to the applications or to the users. The two main types of virtualization are server virtualization and desktop virtualization.

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Server virtualization is software that allows you to optimize a single server computer so that it is able to do the work of multiple servers. In the case of desktop virtualization, the server does all the work for multiple desktop terminals.

VMware. The drive to virtualize was driven by VMware. Offering everything from simple-to-use products that let consumers run virtual machines to the most robust enterprise-class virtualization platforms, VMware has made it possible to run whole farms of servers with very little hardware involved.

VOIP Voice Over IP.

VOYA Voice of Youth Advocates.

VTAE Vocational and Technical Adult Education.

WAAL Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians. A division of WLA.

Wall. A space where a member can post photos, videos, web links, or other content he or she wants to share with friends when using Facebook.

WAN Wide Area Network.

WAPL Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries. A division of WLA.

WASL Wisconsin Association of School Librarians. A division of WLA.

WCFLS Waukesha County Federated Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Waukesha.

WCRS WorldCat Resource Sharing.

WDC Wisconsin Deferred Compensation.

WEA Wisconsin Education Association.

WEAC Wisconsin Education Association Council.

Web Site. A place on the web.

Web 2.0. The term “Web 2.0” describes the changing trends in the use of the World Wide Web technology and web design that aim to enhance creativity, communications, secure information sharing, collaboration and functionality of the Web.

Webinar. A type of web conference, that is typically one-way, from the speaker with limited audience interaction.

WebJunction. An online community where library staff meet to share ideas, solve problems and take online courses.

WEMA Wisconsin Educational Media Association, now known as WEMTA.

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WEMTA Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association. An independent professional association serving school library media and instructional professionals in Wisconsin.

Wessler Scholarship Fund. A gift to WVLS in memory of Carol Ruth Wessler, a long-time WVLS reference and interlibrary loan librarian who died in 1984. Since the initial establishment of this scholarship program, additional funds have been added in memory of other WVLS employees. Wayne R. Bassett (died in 1988), and Mickey Weik (died in 1987). Scholarship funds are available for use by area library staffs from all types of libraries who wish to attend continuing education activities in the area of reference, referral and interlibrary loan.

WHCLIS White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

WHO Wisconsin Heritage Online. A digital collaborative which brings together (virtually) the digital content of Wisconsin cultural institutions so that it is easily accessible for all users.

Widget. A web widget is a portable chunk of code that can be installed and executed within a separate web page. (Such as daily weather, clocks, event listing, etc.)

Wiki. A web space that is open to and editable by a group of people. The most famous wiki is called Wikipedia, a massive online encyclopedia.

WiLS Wisconsin Library Services. A consortium of libraries that offers services in the areas of shared bibliographic information, resource sharing, in-service training and other cooperative activities relating to the changing nature of information technology.

WISCAT. Produced by DLTCCL, a Union/Virtual online database of materials held by Wisconsin libraries. The database is managed by the Reference and Loan Library and used to create and manage requests for material between and among participating libraries in Wisconsin.

WiscNet. The Internet service provider that WVLS subscribes to on behalf of the WVLS WAN members.

Wisconsin Statutes. Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes refers to libraries.

WISDOM Wisconsin Data on Meetings. A listing on the web of library-related meetings, conferences and programs. Local, state, and national-level programs are included.

WISPPR Wisconsin Preservation Program. A program whereby WiLS members receive consultant services for preserving/maintaining library collections.

WLA Wisconsin Library Association.

WLHC Wisconsin Library Heritage Center. A program of the WLA Foundation that is designed to promote the understanding of the history of libraries and librarianship in Wisconsin.

WLS Winnefox Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Oshkosh.

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WLTA Wisconsin Library Trustee Association. A former division of WLA which joined forces with WLA's Friends group to become a new division known as Wisconsin Library Trustees and Friends (WLTF).

WLTF Wisconsin Library Trustees and Friends. A division of WLA.

WorldCat. The OCLC online union catalog which contains the bibliographic records cataloged by OCLC member libraries. It is the most comprehensive database of library materials in the world. See also BadgerCat.

WPLC Wisconsin Public Library Consortium.

WRLBPH Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

WRLS Winding Rivers Library System. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in La Crosse.

WULS Wisconsin Union List of Serials.

WVLS Wisconsin Valley Library Service. – a Wisconsin library system headquartered in Wausau.

WWLW Wisconsin Women Library Workers.

WWW World Wide Web. A part of the Internet in which information of any nature, without standardization or verification, may be presented based on a technology called hypertext. WWW enables a user to use a browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer to navigate among hyperlinked documents to find information (text, graphics, audio and video.)

XHTML. Extensible HyperText Markup Language.

XML Extensible Markup Language. Unlike HTML where authors must use certain tags that make text bold, create clickable links, etc., with XML, authors make up their own tags, making it easier to share and search resources that are in different formats.

YA Young Adult.

YALSA Young Adult Library Services Association. A division of ALA.

YouTube. A popular video-sharing Web site.

YSS Youth Services Section. A division of WLA.

Z39.50. An ANSI standard for telecommunications and bibliographic information retrieval, defines a standard way for computers to communicate and share information without knowing the search syntax used by the other computer.

