

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Northern Waters Library Service and Wisconsin Valley Library Service**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between Northern Waters Library Service, a non-profit organization, located at 3200 East Lake Shore Drive, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806 hereinafter referred to as NWLS, and Wisconsin Valley Library Service hereinafter referred to as WVLS located at 300 N 1st Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

**Purpose:** The library systems would like to collaborate in a cooperative cataloging exploration project to identify opportunities to improve patron experience, eliminate redundancies, and unify technical services processes throughout the state. This project would identify opportunities for library collaboration beyond consortia boundaries and create opportunities with vendors.

This MOU is established between NWLS and WVLS to help each other accomplish mutually beneficial objectives (of submitted grant)

- A. Create consistent data, ensuring that all public library catalog users across the state have a more unified experience, accurately finding the titles they seek
- B. Prepare for the potential future of a shared, state-wide discovery layer
- C. Unify technical services processes with a baseline of best practices and/or standards
- D. Move bibliographic records towards shared/similar vocabularies

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

1. Participate in planning meetings
2. Support and promote data collection
3. Explore opportunities to implement standard inclusive subjects
4. Pursue a process to improve access for those looking for resources pertaining to Native collections and Tribal languages.
5. Identify points of collaboration to explore shared efficiencies
6. Share best practices tools
7. Capitalize on the potential for ILS partnerships and cataloging work

We, the undersigned, have agreed on the contents of this MOU. Any changes must be agreed to by both parties.

**Wisconsin Valley Library Service**

Signed Maura B. Dymowski Date 8/24/23  
Title WVLS DIRECTOR Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Northern Waters Library Service**

Signed Sherry MacDane Date 8/24/23  
Title NWLS Director Date \_\_\_\_\_