

NICE (Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration) Report

November 2023

With the use of 2023-2024 LSTA grant funds WVLS and NWLS will again contract with WiLS to coordinate meetings, facilitate the project's processes and prepare a final report. Four members have been added to the NICE team for the 2023/2024 grant cycle (marked with an *).

NICE Team Members:

Alexander Johnson - Library Support Services Manager, MCPL
Gina Rae - System Staff, NWLS
Jackee Johnson - System Staff, NWLS
Katelyn Sabelko* - Library Services Manager, MCPL
Katie Zimmermann - System Staff, WVLS
Kelly Wiisanen* - Youth and Family Resources Manager, Superior
Laurie Ollhoff* - Library Director, Merrill
Molly Lank-Jones - Library Director, Hayward
Peggy O'Connell - Library Director/ Consortium chairperson, Minocqua
Rachel Metzler - System Staff, WVLS
Sara Klemann* - Library Director, Eagle River
Sue Heskin - Resource Library Director, Superior
Tammie Blomberg - Library Director, Rib Lake
Teresa Schmidt - Library Director, Mercer

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, September 19 to review the findings and recommendations of the ILS Merger Feasibility Report, and set the project timeline. The Team also worked to establish the first targeted workgroup that will focus on ILS vendor selection.

ILS Vendor Selection Targeted Workgroup Members:

Ann Larson, Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward
Alexander Johnson, Marathon County Public Library
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS
Jackee Johnson, NWLS
Maria Pregler, T. B. Scott Public Library, Merrill
Angie Bodzislav, Spooner Public Library

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, October 17 to hear a preliminary report from the ILS Vendor targeted work group and establish a targeted workgroup that will focus on Funding Formula and Budget.

Questions are Welcome! V-Cat and NWLN (Northern Waters Library Network) member library staff are welcome to share their questions and concerns via an [online form](#). Answers will be shared on the NICE Libraries [FAQ page](#).

More details will be shared on the [NICE Libraries website](#) when the reports are complete. Full NICE Team meeting minutes are posted [here](#).