

# NICE (Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration) Project Report

## February 2024

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, November 21 to hear reports from the ILS Vendor targeted work group, the Funding Formula and budget targeted workgroup and establish targeted workgroups that will focus on Delivery and Collaborative Decision-making. The ILS Vendor workgroup has made its [recommendation](#).

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, December 19 to hear updates from the Funding Formula and Budget workgroup and the Delivery workgroup. Both workgroups are still continuing their work.

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 to hear updates from the Funding Formula and Budget workgroup, the Delivery workgroup and the Collaborative Decision-making workgroup. The Delivery workgroup made its [recommendation](#). Feedback on the Delivery recommendation can be submitted [here](#). The Funding Formula workgroup will meet again the second week of February and the Decision-making workgroup will meet on January 23. The NICE Team recommended the ILS Vendor Selection workgroup meet again, based on new information provided by a vendor.

### ILS Vendor Selection Workgroup Members:

Ann Larson, Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, NWLS  
Alexander Johnson, (MCPL), WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Maria Pregler, T. B. Scott Public Library, WVLS  
Angie Bodzislav, Spooner Public Library, WVLS

**Funding Formula and Budget Workgroup Members:**

Amber Brill (Greenwood) WVLS  
Leah Giordano (MCPL), WVLS  
Sue Heskin (SPL), NWLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Sara Klemann, (Eagle River), NWLS  
Sherry Machones, NWLS  
Virginia Roberts (RDL) WVLS  
Cherie Sanderson (Boulder Junction), NWLS  
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Delivery Workgroup Members:**

Jackee Johnson, NWLS ILS Administrator  
Sherry Machones, NWLS System Director  
Jamie Matczak, WVLS  
Sarah May, NWLS  
Rachel Metzler, WVLS  
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Collaborative Decision-making Workgroup Members:**

Sue Heskin (SPL), NWLS  
Sarah Adams, (Vaughn PL), NWLS  
Cherie Sanderson (Boulder Junction PL), NWLS  
Leah Giordano (MCPL), WVLS  
Janay Ziebell (Neillsville PL), WVLS  
Tammie Blomberg (Rib Lake PL), WVLS  
Jackee Johnson, NWLS  
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

**Hold Fulfillment Workgroup Members – TBD**

**Record Standards Workgroup Members – TBD**

**Cataloging Practices Workgroup Members – TBD**

**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](#).