Electronic Subscriptions
WISPALS members subscribe to 20+ online databases. As consortium members, they receive discounts of 15-50%, centralized billing and payments, monthly charge backs, trials, cooperative training and an annual report.

Information Literacy Committee
Information Literacy Promotion is part of the WISPALS Strategic Plan. As part of the goal, a committee was formed to study and recommend a plan. In addition to WISPALS, other technical colleges were invited to participate to gather ideas. Based on feedback, a survey was created to determine how WTCS Libraries currently are involved with information literacy. The survey has been completed and summarized, and it was decided to create a blog (http://www.blogger.com/posts.g?blogID=24415004) to post any relevant standards, information and other college curriculum. The next step will be to discuss the possibility of incorporating a plan into the statewide Under Prepared Learner curriculum. The libraries are also working on standards that will assist with the next steps in planning.

MUGs (Module User Group)
The Consortium Coordinator facilitated MUGs for cataloging, acquisitions and circulation. The MUGs bring together staff from WISPALS’ member libraries to

• share workflow and tips amongst WISPALS peers
• get training from the WISPALS Coordinator, Endeavor or other sources as needed
• report possible software bugs and/or enhancement requests to the WISPALS Coordinator to pass onto Endeavor Customer Support
• find out about new features in the module

• ADA catalog compliance
• Update ILL and Collection Development practices and policies
• Continue to enhance website
• Explore Federated Searching and other emerging library technologies
• Seek out grant opportunities
• Actively publicize the consortium and work to recruit potential members and partners
• Upgrade to Voyager 6.1

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WISPALS 2005-2006
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Introduction

The WISPALS Library Consortium was organized in 1989 by the librarians at Gateway Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College, and Waukesha County Technical College. It provides access to a shared library automation system, shared library resources, databases and other information resources at reduced costs. WISPALS also exchanges knowledge and skills in library automation and provides a liaison between member libraries and other library agencies or groups. The consortium implemented the Docutek Electronic Reserve System in 2003 and migrated to Voyager 5.0 ILS this year. The consortium is advised by an Executive Committee consisting of the library directors from each member college. Gary Flynn, Library Manager at Gateway Technical College, served as Chair of the WISPALS Executive Committee this year. Julie Gores, Director of Library Services at Waukesha County Technical College, will serve as Chair in 2006-07. The Executive Committee holds a conference call meeting every month except July and holds an in person meeting every September. Gateway Technical College serves as the Consortium’s fiscal agent and Waukesha County Technical College houses the Consortium servers. Rebecca Dougherty is the new WISPALS Library Consortium Coordinator at Gateway Technical College. Bob Becker is the System Operations Manager at Waukesha County Technical College.

2005-06 Highlights

- Purchase of new SunFire V490 Server from Endeavor Information Systems, Inc.
  - Current Voyager Server had reached its life expectancy and maintenance costs would soon be prohibitive to maintaining this server.
  - New Server addresses hard drive storage limitations of old server and provides for future expansion of system.
  - Keeps WISPALS current with server hardware technology and puts us in a position to take advantage of future technological advances with the hardware vendor (Sun Microsystems) and Endeavor’s use of this technology with their products.
- Upgrade to Voyager 5.0 integrated library system
- 2 membership inquiries from Nicolet Area Technical College and Maranatha Baptist Bible College
- Moraine Park initiated WISPALS Health Digital Library Network (http://web.wispalshealthlibrary.org/) in partnership with St. Agnes Hospital Library to create a website for consumer and professional health patrons.
- Sponsored Wisconsin Association of Academic Libraries session at their annual conference
- 6 members participating in Ask?Away national 24/7 chat reference service
- Revised 3-Year Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2005-2008
- Began meeting with all WTCS libraries and state office

Estimated Budget for FY 2006-07

I. Capital Budget
   Docutek E-Reserves Server Replacement $5000.00 (pay from reserves)
II. Operating Budget
   Sun Server/Hardware Maintenance Agreement $2800.00
   Docutek E-Reserves Annual License Fee $20,153.00
   Virtual Reference Subscription Fee $4500.00
   WISPALS Systems Manager (salary & benefits) $127,881.00 (includes post-retirement)
   WISPALS Coordinator (salary & benefits) $94,640.00
   Supplies, Travel, Training, Prof. Services $9087.00
   Total $259,061.00 (roughly $28,784.55 per member)*

III. Database Subscriptions $124,500.69 **
IV. Revenue (Membership Fees) $5150.30
V. Contingency Fund $42,758.45

* Excluding participating member Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
** This reflects the total amount spent by all consortium members. Not all members subscribe to all databases.

The WISPALS financial office at Gateway Technical College will begin billing members monthly versus quarterly beginning July 1, 2006.