Commemorating 20 years of Library Automation Sharing 1989-2009

Annual Report 2008-2009
Prepared for the Board of Directors

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The WISPALS Library Consortium

provides member libraries shared access to an integrated library system, information resources, electronic databases, and other services and technologies at reduced costs. It promotes the exchange of knowledge, skills and best practices for libraries. WISPALS also serves as a liaison between member libraries and local, state and national library organizations and vendors.

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2008-2009 WISPALS Officers:

Board President, Acting
Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College

Chair, Executive Committee
Charlene Pettit
District Learning Resource Associate
Moraine Park Technical College

Incoming Chair 2009-2010
Gail Piotrowski
Librarian
Northcentral Technical College
2008-2009 Highlights

Membership
- Western Technical College became a full member.
- Full membership proposal and presentation was provided for Madison Area Technical College.

Improved Technology
- Docutek E-Reserve system was upgraded to a new version which allows more effective management of faculty electronic reserve materials.
- Upgraded the Voyager ILS to 7.1.0. The upgrade provided an enhanced online catalog with customizable features, as well as functionality improvement of staff clients.
- Added instant messaging to WISPALS Web site

Enhanced Marketing
- The WISPALS executive chair, Charlene Pettit, represented WISPALS at a state-called DPI/COLAND conference for a Strategic Visioning Summit for all library types.
- Gateway Technical Library Director, Gary Flynn, represents WISPALS for DPI's Delivery Services Advisory Committee.
- WISPALS was a sponsor of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians Conference held in April.
- Fox Valley Technical College staff, Jane Roisum, is Chair Elect of the WLA Support Staff Section, and Valerie Magno is the President of the Fox Valley Library Council.

Strategic Plan Actions
- An information literacy statement was compiled, written and approved.
- Some new OPAC features were added.
- Voyager search training was conducted for staff.
- Database negotiations resulted in some “no cost” or lower than average increases.

Actual Budget 2008-2009
- Capital $0.00
- Operating $277,844.00
- Revenue $5,628.45
- Average annual cost per member: $25,508.10*

*Some individual member library actual costs will vary based on services purchased through WISPALS and/or membership level.

"2009 marked 20 years of charter membership for Moraine Park, Waukesha County and Gateway Technical Colleges. Eight other technical colleges have since joined. The Consortium has seen dramatic innovation in library technology and information access. The Consortium has stood strong and remains a solid foundation of success to support our members, staff, students and faculty. WISPALS thrives and is vital to the many services it provides."

-Charlene Pettit, District Learning Resource Associate, Moraine Park Technical College, 2009

Upcoming Goals
- Enhance New Member Training materials.
- Support the implementation of our new Full Member, WTC.
- Customize online catalog.
- Create shared Library Tutorials and Learning Objects.
- Increase use of WISPALS Web site.
- Renegotiate existing database subscriptions and negotiate new subscriptions.
- Promote additional membership and advocacy within the WTCS districts and throughout the library community.
- Explore and secure grant opportunities.
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