



# Wisconsin Library Association

## 2019-2021 State Budget Priorities

### Request for Library Service Contracts, BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind

#### Library Service Contracts

WLA supports a request for an increase of \$283,200 in FY20 and \$468,100 in FY21 to fund the estimated costs of five library service contracts. This request includes a new contract that would offer Recollection Wisconsin—a collaborative project of statewide importance—funding to improve its ability to provide vital historical services.

**DPI contracts with five providers: the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL), the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UWMadison), the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL), the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), and Recollection Wisconsin** to provide access to unique resources and materials.

- The UW-Madison and MPL lend materials to residents living in all parts of the state in response to requests forwarded by the Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning staff or public library systems.
- WTBBL provides specialized services to certified blind and physically handicapped persons throughout the state. While the Library of Congress provides the recorded and braille materials (estimated at an annual value of \$376,700), the state is obligated to provide for processing, maintenance, and circulation.
- CCBC services extend beyond the UW-Madison campus to provide information, outreach, and continuing education opportunities for public and school librarians, teachers, and others throughout Wisconsin.
- Recollection Wisconsin preserves the state's heritage by working with libraries, archives, and museums to digitize historical resources, including rare photographs and documents as well as a rich repository of local newspapers, and makes them easily accessible and discoverable now and for future generations.

#### Library Service Contracts Increases

| CHANGE TO BASE            | FY20             | FY21             |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Amount              | \$1,457,500      | \$1,642,400      |
| Base                      | \$1,174,300      | \$1,174,300      |
| <b>Requested Increase</b> | <b>\$283,200</b> | <b>\$468,100</b> |

#### BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind

WLA supports a request for an increase of \$345,800 in FY21 to allow DPI to continue the contracts with all current BadgerLink vendors and to maintain the current level of services through Newsline for the Blind.

BadgerLink is Wisconsin's digital access to licensed content such as magazines, newspapers, scholarly articles, videos, images, and music. WTBBL assists with implementation of Newsline for the Blind which provides daily access to newspapers using an automated electronic voice that can be accessed using a touch-tone telephone.

| BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind            | FY 19       | FY20        | FY21             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| TOTAL BadgerLink costs (rounded)                 | \$2,771,400 | \$2,771,400 | \$3,138,700      |
| TOTAL Newsline costs (rounded)                   | \$141,600   | \$143,000   | \$144,600        |
| TOTAL COSTS for Appropriation                    | \$2,913,000 | \$2,914,400 | \$3,283,300      |
| FY19 Base appropriation                          | \$2,937,500 | \$2,937,500 | \$2,937,500      |
| <b>Required increase to fully fund (request)</b> | <b>N/A</b>  | <b>\$0</b>  | <b>\$345,800</b> |

**NOTE:** The funding source for all the line items described on this page is the Universal Service Fund (USF), one of the state's segregated (SEG) funds.