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**COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT**  
**1999-2000 Goals**

**To provide leadership to the state and the library community on improving library services and cooperation by:**

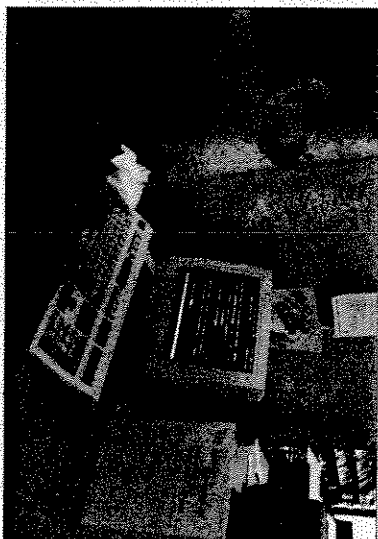
1. Monitoring and actively supporting library legislative initiatives endorsed by COLAND.
2. Reviewing, monitoring and actively supporting the implementation of the *Wisconsin Library Technology Strategic Plan*.
3. Holding a joint hearing with the Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Committee on the *State Superintendent's Report on Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing 1997-2001* and other major library planning documents, and providing advice on the revision of these documents.
4. Providing advice on the development of budget and legislative initiatives related to library development and networking for 2001-2003.
5. Reviewing, providing advice, and taking action on revised *Wisconsin Public Library Standards*.
6. Reviewing, providing advice, and taking action on revisions in the Administrative Code relating to public librarian certification.
7. Inviting individuals with special knowledge of issues and programs of current and potential significance to Wisconsin libraries to make presentations at COLAND meetings.
8. Actively cooperating with other library groups in planning, advocacy, and sharing information for the improvement of library service to Wisconsin residents.
9. Monitoring the BadgerLink program and its evaluation, and providing advice on improving the program.
10. Reviewing issues relating to public library systems and non-resident borrowing, and providing advice on potential solutions.
11. Reviewing issues relating to school library media centers, and providing advice on potential solutions.
12. Reviewing, providing advice, and taking action on other library related initiatives, programs, policies, and problems which are brought to the attention of COLAND by the DLTC staff or the Wisconsin library community.

# Did You Know...

Wisconsin has a wealth of library and information resources which include:

- 79 public and private academic libraries
- 381 public libraries with more than 450 locations
- 2,015 public K-12 school library media centers
- 750 private K-12 school library media centers
- 451 special libraries (includes government, health, corporate, and organizational libraries)

COLAND is committed to making these resources accessible to the state's residents through library cooperation and resource sharing.



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# COLAND

## Council on Library and Network Development



Ensuring access to libraries  
and information services

# What is COLAND?

Created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1979, the Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND) advises the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (DPI) to ensure that all state citizens have access to library and information services.

The 15-member council—appointed by the governor—functions as a forum through which librarians and members of the public identify, study, and collect public testimony on issues affecting Wisconsin libraries and other information services. Members serve three-year terms.

Council findings are communicated as advisory recommendations to the state superintendent, governor, and Legislature.

## Ensuring Access

- Key responsibilities:
- promoting free access to knowledge, information, and diversity of ideas by all Wisconsin residents;



- facilitating the most effective use of library resources through interlibrary cooperation among all types of libraries;
- promoting cooperation and resource sharing among public libraries, school libraries, other types of libraries, and related agencies; and

- planning, coordinating, evaluating, and setting statewide priorities for the development of networks to enable library cooperation and resource sharing within Wisconsin.

COLAND holds open meetings six times per year and conducts hearings on library policies and publications. Members offer advice as part of the DPI biennial budget request and provide testimony on state and federal legislation. Council members also provide advice to DPI on publications, policies, and products, such as

- BadgerLink, electronic information resources
- WISCAT, statewide library catalog
- QuILL, interlibrary loan system
- Library Technology Strategic Plan
- Internet policy
- joint school and public library publication

# Representation

COLAND works closely with the DPI Division for Libraries and Community Learning. Membership includes seven professionals who represent various public and private libraries as well as library educators. The remaining eight council positions are held by public members with a demonstrated interest in libraries or other types of information services.

Members of the library community and the general public are welcome to attend council meetings and to address the group or a committee on specific questions under consideration. To ensure that adequate time will be available, requests should be submitted to the council chairperson or appropriate committee head three weeks before a meeting.

For more information about the council and its work, or for a schedule of meetings, contact the Division for Libraries and Community Learning at (608) 267-9219.

