

Becoming a Library “Superuser”

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Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS)

- 29 libraries in Iron, Vilas, Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Burnett, Washburn and Sawyer counties
- Check out and return materials to any library in the NWLS area.
- Most NWLS libraries receive interlibrary delivery three days per week.

Merlin - the online catalog for NWLS libraries

- merlin.nwls.lib.wi.us
- Log in with your library card number to access your account, renew items, request items from other libraries or put yourself on the ‘hold list’ for any library materials
- Search the catalog by author, title, subject, or keyword. Use links within the catalog record to find more related titles.
- Limit your search by library location or material type.
- Use “Your Record” to view items checked out, renew materials, freeze holds, and view your Reading History, an opt-in feature.
- Use Novelist for added features: series books in order, “read-a-likes,” reviews, and more.

WisCat - the Wisconsin library catalog

- www.wiscat.net
- Search the libraries of Wisconsin, including public, university, and special libraries.
- Note that this is a “federated search” - give it time to complete the search!

Wisconsin’s Digital Library

- dbooks.wplc.info
- Free ebooks and digital audiobooks - over 5 million checkouts!
- Use with the **Libby** app on your smartphone or tablet
- Transfer books to your Kindle automatically - requires an Amazon account (email and password)

Gale Courses

- education.gale.com/l-nwater/
- Free online courses on hundreds of topics
- Create an account for free using an email address and password.
- Enter a valid library card number when signing up for a course.
- Courses can be completed at your own pace, but you must complete the first two lessons within the first two weeks of class or you will be dropped.

Badgerlink - "Wisconsin's Online Library"

- www.badgerlink.net
- Online databases of newspapers, magazines, journals, encyclopedias, auto repair manuals, and more, accessible anywhere with your library card number.
- Education resources include encyclopedias, climate change resources, ERIC, reading and geography resources, royalty-free music files, and TeachingBooks.net.
- Popular consumer resources include Consumer Reports database, HeritageQuest Online, Health Source, MEDLINE, several newspaper databases, and more.