

Library Funding 101

WISCONSIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Primary Source: Municipal Appropriations

Municipalities are the main source of public library funding in Wisconsin. Municipalities make up 60% of the state's total funding for its 467 public libraries.

Home County Payments

The next biggest supporter is a library's home county. Home counties make up 24% of the state's total funding for public libraries.



Payments from Other Counties

Wisconsin public libraries can bill adjacent counties for providing library service to residents across the border. These payments make up 2% of the public library funding.

All Other Sources

Gifts, donations, fines, & fees make up the rest of most library funds. These other sources make up 14% of the state's total funding for public libraries.

