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Wisconsin Library Association Thanks Joint Finance Committee for Supporting Public Libraries!

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) applauds the Joint Finance Committee's continued support of state aids to Wisconsin's 381 public library locations.

Two years ago, Joint Finance Committee members made a significant \$1.5 million additional investment in public library services to support new technology resources and enhanced services in the areas of workforce development and lifelong learning. During committee deliberations on May 23, that extra support was renewed at \$2 million for the 2020-2021 biennium.

"Our members' testimony at Joint Finance Committee hearings held around the state in April highlighted the tremendous difference that local public libraries make to citizens seeking reliable Internet access, online assistance for job creators and jobseekers, and lifelong learning programs from early childhood literacy to senior memory cafes," said WLA Executive Director Plumer Lovelace. "We thank all sixteen members of the Joint Finance Committee for their recognition of and commitment to quality public library services."

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About WLA

The Wisconsin Library Association is a professional organization whose membership includes nearly 2,000 librarians, library workers, public library trustees, friends of libraries and business vendors supporting academic, public, school and special libraries. Since the beginning, WLA's mission has been to engage, inspire and advocate for library workers and supporters to improve and promote library services for the people of Wisconsin. Through ongoing, collaborative efforts, members continue to meet the changing needs of their communities, provide resources for all, facilitate lifelong learning and assist entrepreneurs in job creation.