

WISCAT/WISCAT ILL

Fact Sheet

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The Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning has facilitated resource sharing in Wisconsin for twenty years with the production of a resource sharing tools such as the WISCAT physical union catalog. Today, the WISCAT Resource Sharing System consists of a physical union catalog, a virtual union catalog, and an interlibrary loan management system.

WISCAT Physical Union Catalog

Size and Usage of the Union Catalog

<u>Bibliographic titles in Union Catalog</u>	<u>7,192,950</u>
Guest logins (public interface, no login)	236,312
Patron logins (login required)	8,464
Staff logins (login required)	277,348
Total searches	23,839,526
MARC records downloaded	84,424
Holdings updated online	183,063

<u>Libraries with Holdings in Union Catalog</u>	<u>1,210</u>
Public Libraries and Systems	418 35%
School Libraries	553 46%
Academic Libraries	122 10%
Special Libraries	116 9%

<u>Number of Holdings in Union Catalog</u>	<u>35,659,085</u>
Publics Libraries and Systems	16,562,198 46%
School Libraries	5,201,203 15%
Academic Libraries	12,627,421 35%
Special Libraries	1,264,960 4%

<u>Libraries with License to WISCAT</u>	<u>591</u>
Publics Libraries and Systems	260 44%
School Libraries	253 43%
Academic Libraries	29 5%
Special Libraries	44 7%
State Clearinghouses	2 1%

WISCAT Virtual Catalog

Libraries and shared systems in Wisconsin have been invited to participate in the WISCAT Z39.50 Virtual Catalog Gateway as host catalogs available for searching and for interlibrary loan request creation. Forty-two Wisconsin host catalogs have been configured as searchable databases through the WISCAT Z39.50 Gateway. In addition, the Library of Congress catalog, the National Library of Medicine catalog, and thirty-three of the MINITEX catalogs have been configured for searching via the gateway.

During this time period, two special library catalogs are available through the Z39.50 Gateway. A handful of school library holdings are displayed in the Z39.50 Gateway through some of the public library shared catalogs; those holdings are usually not available for interlibrary loan. The WISCAT staff is identifying and configuring more Z39.50 hosts to add to the list of catalogs available for broadcast searching.

The WISCAT Gateway is configured to allow users to retrieve bibliographic records by searching one or all of the catalogs in a "virtual" or "broadcast" mode. Full bibliographic records are generally retrieved and displayed. In some cases, the individual owning library or branch is identified and in other cases, only the broadest holding information is displayed, depending on the host configuration. Current shelf status information is displayed if it is output by the host.

In addition, the WISCAT interlibrary loan management system searches the available Z39.50 host catalogs to identify additional holdings and to supplement the locations found on interlibrary loan requests that are sent via the WISCAT union catalog.

Z39.50 Gateway Summary by Type of Library

Libraries Represented	
Public Libraries	313
Academic Libraries	90
School Libraries	10
Special Libraries	2
TOTAL	417