divisions

**Divisions** of the Wisconsin Library Association provide a focus of interest based on type of library, with one also representing public library trustees. As a WLA member, you may select membership in one of these groups.

Benefits of membership in the divisions include:
- e-Newsletter about division activities
- Conference programming and other professional development activities

**Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians (AWSL)**
Focuses on the activities and issues of special libraries and librarianship and provides a forum for exchange of ideas among persons involved with special libraries.

**Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL)**
Dedicated to improving library services to the academic and research community through its activities, committees, and publications. Provides opportunities for networking, professional development, personal growth, and discussion of common concerns and legislative issues. Encourages local participation in national issues concerning academic and research libraries.

**Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL)**
Serves as the voice of the Wisconsin public library community, working to enhance the quality of public library service through networking opportunities, professional development, discussion of common concerns and legislative issues.

**Wisconsin Library Trustees and Friends (WLTF)**
Fosters the improvement of abilities of library trustees, thus creating better libraries and library services in Wisconsin. Provides an opportunity to learn more about state library trends and services through publications and attendance of workshops and conferences. Supports the activities of Friends of the Library groups throughout the state and works to enhance their capabilities to aid their libraries to fulfill their mission. Promotes advocacy for library related issues on the local, state, and national levels.
Sections and roundtables provide a focus based on type of activity, aspect of service or specific concern. They sponsor programming at fall conference and at unit workshops and meetings. Many publish newsletters. As a WLA member, you may select membership in two of these groups.

Readers Section (READ)
READ offers an opportunity for discussion and sharing of expertise, experiences, and knowledge in the area of readers= advisory. Provides continuing education and printed materials for development of readers advisory skills; promotes literature and reading for pleasure.

Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS)
RASS develops a philosophy of reference and adult services through advancement of information, research, education, recreation and cultural services to adults in all types of libraries and at all levels.

Support Staff and Circulation Services Section (SSCS)
SSCS improves the effectiveness of library support and circulation staff by developing continuing education opportunities, sponsoring conferences, and providing networking possibilities with colleagues to share expertise, experience and knowledge.

Technical Services Section (TSS)
Contributes to the professional welfare and librarianship of its members through activities related to acquisition, cataloging, classification, reproduction and preservation of library materials as well as the development and coordination of library resources.

Youth Services Section (YSS)
Provides a forum and resource for people who share a commitment to serving children and young adults, their parents, caregivers and teachers by focusing on quality library service and encouraging literacy and library use.

Wisconsin Small Libraries Section (WISL)
Promote the common interests, activities, administration and services of all small libraries through conferences, workshops, publications and networking opportunities.

Outreach Services Round Table (OSRT)
Promotes the exchange of ideas connecting with providing library services beyond the library building. Serves as a clearinghouse for ideas on library services for special populations, shares information regarding outreach service programs such as bookmobile services, books-by-mail and home delivery services.

Wisconsin Genealogy and Local History Round Table (WIGLHR)
Offers networking opportunities to librarians and archivists who work with local history and genealogy collections and services. To promote, educate and network about best practices relating to these materials.
Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a vehicle for WLA members to share ideas, plans, news, and opinions related to a particular area of interest without the formal expectations and structure of a traditional association unit.

Alumni
Providing connections between and among retirees with a focus on fellowship, service to WLA and “keeping up” with the world of libraries.

Community for Open Wisconsin
This group advocates and collaborates for affordability of educational resources in Wisconsin through the use of open educational resources, library resources, collaboration for publisher cost reduction, and other related initiatives.

Government Information
This special interest group will serve members with an interest in collecting, preserving, cataloging, or providing reference for government information. We will suggest and sponsor programs for annual conferences, and will plan and coordinate our own one-day annual conference, Government Information Day.

Intellectual Freedom
This special interest group will provide an opportunity for members to be involved with intellectual freedom principles and issues through programming and networking and to communicate and coordinate activities with the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Students
The purpose of the WLA Student SIG is two-fold: 1) to increase communication, collaboration, and exchange between LIS students at each school, and 2) to establish a visible and sustainable presence for students in the Wisconsin Library Association.