What is MERIT?

Educational Resources, Media, & Information Technology
Students and Bucky Badger alike love UW-Madison’s School of Education, which is home to 10 academic departments and an array of outreach units and cutting-edge research projects.

The School of Education and many of its programs are widely regarded as being among the very best in the nation. The people and units that make up the School are addressing some of society’s most critical needs – from challenges in education at all levels to issues in health and other human services – while also contributing to the quality of life through the arts.
We value student staff...

- Work environment

- Challenging work to develop professional skills
We value outreach...

- Build partnerships
- Leverage resources
- Build community
Outreach Efforts

- NetworkEd
- Social Media
- Ed Tech & Tea Time
NetworkEd

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction + Wisconsin Center for Education Research = NetworkEd
CONNECT + ENGAGE → TRANSFORM

We build partnerships to transform education throughout Wisconsin and the world.

We make connections by facilitating relationships among researchers, leaders, educators, and community members to collaboratively innovate, advance and transform education through research, policy development, classroom practice, and community engagement.

https://wcernetwork.org
So, where does MERIT come in?
The Landscape of NetworkEd
The Network

748 profiles so far

People, places, events are included.

Majority around Madison

But it’s branching out!
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Geology Museum

Since its establishment, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been concerned with maintaining a museum of Geology in order to “encourage public interest in the natural resources of Wisconsin.” Throughout the years, the museum has survived in different spaces, but the core belief of its role has remained. The Geology Museum is located in Weeks Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday and admission to the museum is free. Additionally, the museum offers guided tours to groups ranging from kindergartners to adult groups. The museum works to tailor their tours to the age range. There is a small cost per person for guided tours.

The Geology Museum hosts a Museum Storytime on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 10:30. This is a great program for preschool age children, no reservation is necessary, and the cost is free. Each week “features a book, museum specimens, and a craft to take home.”

SHORT SUMMARY
museum, education program

TAGS
Museums/Libraries, Early Childhood, Pre K, Elementary School, High School, Higher Ed, Informal/Out of School
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This profile needs a little love.

1. Research
1.5 Email contact*
2. Write or rewrite a succinct bio
3. Rinse and repeat

* Most frustrating part of working on NetworkEd
Badger Volunteers

What: Badger Volunteers is a semester-long program that pairs teams of students with community organizations to volunteer each week. The program is designed to foster meaningful and consistent connections between community partners and students over the course of an entire semester. Badger Volunteers provides logistical support, transportation, training and education sessions for student volunteers in the program.

Duration: Students work on a weekly basis by a group of students and attend an on-site orientation. Monday through Friday, teams start as early as 7:30 am and end as late as 8 pm, depending on the community partner need. There is no cost, yet training time and a little supervision is required.

Badger volunteers are associated with many community partners such as the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, East Madison Community Center, Wingra School, Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, and many more.
Dinosaur Discovery Museum

Who doesn’t love dinosaurs? The Dinosaur Discovery Museum in Kenosha, Wisconsin is great fun for the whole family! The museum works with the Carthage Institute of Paleontology in its on-site laboratory and presents current, ongoing research into the link between meat-eating dinosaurs and birds.

The museum is much more than a research center; it contains physical and virtual exhibits that depict the history and behavior of dinosaurs.

The museum is happy to facilitate both student and adult group tours. School tours are broken up by grade, and include entertaining tours and hands-on activities like a “dinosaur dig.” Additionally, the museum partners with the Kenosha Public Museum to provide Educational Loan Resources, like DVDs, maps, art reproductions, specimens, and discovery boxes to educators for two weeks at no cost. This resource is great for home-schoolers and scout leaders as well.


See also: Kenosha Public Museum

SHORT SUMMARY
special interest museum
Interested in learning more?

Checkout NetworkEd at: wcernetwork.org
Social Media

TODAY IS GOING TO BE AWESOME

#studybreak
Our story begins...

with a librarian
Jenny’s Plan

Main Objective
● Support MERIT’s mission by connecting with patrons in order to promote MERIT’s services and resources and expand our community

Goals
● Increase awareness of MERIT’s resources on campus and in the School of Education
● Communicate with patrons, answer questions, and let them know what we can offer them
● Develop social media relationships with other campus libraries, UW institutions, or other followers: help promote them via retweets, sharing, and liking

Audience
● School of Education students, faculty, and staff
● UW Madison libraries/librarians, orgs, students, faculty, and staff
● Community schools, educators, and organizations
...TL;DR
Happy #MERITStaffMonday! How does Cat keep track of all her nicknames?! #uwmadison

Name: Cat
Major: SLIS student
Job: Info Desk
F-Fact: Has 10 nicknames

MERIT @MERIT_Library · 18 Nov 2015
Happy #MERITStaffMonday! We're not really sure what Angie does here, but it's probably something very important.

Name: Angie
Job: Pumpkin
Major: Squash Studies
Fun Fact: is a pumpkin
What kinds of things do we post about?
Events

#finals

MERIT @MERIT_Library · Feb 2
Don't miss the Basics of Website Editing with WordPress workshop this Friday, 2/5, 12pm-1pm! More info facebook.com/events/7938551... #UWMadison

#teatime

MERIT @MERIT_Library · 10 Sep 2015
Check out MERIT's Bottle Pickup game at the Helen C House Party @college_library tonight, 8-11pm! #seehelenparty

#PiDay

MERIT @MERIT_Library · Feb 25
Fun fact: MERIT hosts workshops on various topics every semester! Learn about Zotero, Privacy, & more! Schedule @ ow.ly/YLI4U

#PiDay

Apple Pie ABC
All for Pie Pie for All

Piece of Pi
3.14
THELONIUS MONSTER'S SKY-HIGH PIE

BIRTHDAY PIE

Pi Day Party

3.14
Our Collections

New book displays are up and awaiting your perusal! #UWMadison #browsable

Our History is Our Strength

Comics Books & Graphic Novels
Our Team
#MERITS Staff Monday
Finally...
#bookfacefriday
#bookfacefriday
Ed Tech & Tea Time

- Conversational Environment
- New tools
- Student interests
- Feedback
Ed Tech & Tea Time

Have questions about educational technology? Wondering how to incorporate tech skills into the classroom? Or do you just need a cup of tea or cocoa?

Come to the MERIT Atrium for an informal discussion and skill-share over cups of hot beverages!

Date: Every Monday, Spring Semester
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Location: MERIT Library Atrium
3rd Floor Teacher Ed Building
We accept donations for tea and tea cups/pots.
Strengths
Friendly Environment
Promote Library Services
Point of contact
Connections
What we learned
Undergraduates prefer cocoa
Winter
(and early semester)
Active approach
Relevance correlates to interest
Thank You!
Questions?