

AWSL Purpose

The Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians (AWSL) is a division of the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA).

Established in October 1986, AWSL has two purposes:

1. To provide an opportunity for discussion and exchange of ideas for persons interested in the welfare of special libraries, and
2. To devote efforts towards the activities and issues of special libraries and librarianship.

Who can Join AWSL?

Membership is open to all WLA members who are special librarians or who have an interest in special libraries. Anyone who provides access to, or research in, a specialized collection of materials or information is considered a special librarian. This could include librarians working in a church, museum, prison, hospital, corporation, law firm, university, foundation, newspaper, government office, or other organization.

During its history, AWSL has offered special librarians a voice in the greater Wisconsin library community and the opportunity to share ideas and fellowship with others.

Membership Means Benefits

Receive the biweekly WLA E-Newsletter and the biannual AWSL newsletter to stay abreast of library activities in Wisconsin.

Receive online access to the WLA annual Membership Directory, which provides information about library professionals, paraprofessionals, trustees and institutions.

Participate in continuing education opportunities that are financially and geographically accessible.

Get financial support from scholarships through the WLA Foundation.

Receive membership discounts for conferences and exhibit space.

Be a part of a statewide advocacy group to cooperate on library issues and legislation.

Receive reduced registration fees at the WLA Fall Conference, which is attended by about 1,000 people each year.



Join Now!

Become a member of Wisconsin Library Association (WLA). There are personal, student and institutional memberships.

To complete a membership form with an online credit card payment or to print a form to mail in with a payment, go to:

wla.memberclicks.net/join-wla-or-renew-now