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**Report to System and Resource Library Administrator's
Association of Wisconsin on Library Standards in Wisconsin**

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SRLAAW established a standards subcommittee consisting of Joan Airoidi, Northern Waters, Mark Merrifield, Nicolet, and Tom Hennen, Waukesha in the fall of 2001. The committee met by conference call on January 25, 2002.

The attached report was for that committee's deliberations. At the committee's request, it was updated to include per capita and mill rate data for each library. The attached data are calculated from Wisconsin Library Service Record information for 1999.

The committee makes the following recommendations to SRLAAW:

1. The proposal from the SRLAAW Vision Statement regarding the need for mandatory minimum standards on a statewide basis for participation in a system should not be considered or pursued at this time.
2. SRLAAW should recommend the establishment of a Library Services and Construction Act funding category to review and revise the 2000 Standards document produced by DLTCL. The budget should be similar to amounts needed for prior planning efforts for the trustee's manual and the last standard planning committee.
3. The revised standards document should carefully consider what commonalities should be recommended for consideration by counties that choose to implement standards as allowed by Act 150. The less variation around the state for the types of standards employed and the method of their employment, the better.
4. The new standards document should consider, but not be limited to, the following issues:
 - a) A revised absolute minimum description of a library should be developed.
 - b) There is a need for clearer and more measurable standards for technology and technology training in libraries.
 - c) The standards should review and make recommendations regarding how individual libraries as well as systems and consortiums should deal with counting periodical titles in electronic format, electronic books, and shared databases for standards purposes.

The information is for information purposes. The 2000 data is now available. Wisconsin standards compare on the basis of either municipal standards or service population.

The calculations here are based on municipal population.

<i>System</i>	<i>Exceed all standards</i>	<i>Deficient</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>Exceed all standards</i>
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	6		6	100%
Arrowhead Library System	4	3	7	57%
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	9	7	16	56%
Kenosha County Library System	1	1	2	50%
South Central Library System	24	25	49	49%
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	12	13	25	48%
Lakeshores Library System	7	8	15	47%
Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library	9	18	27	33%
Waukesha County Federated	5	11	16	31%
Eastern Shores Library System	4	9	13	31%
Winnefox Library System	8	22	30	27%
Indianhead Federated Library System	14	39	53	26%
Winding Rivers Library System	7	26	33	21%
Nicolet Federated Library System	3	12	15	20%
Northern Waters Library Service	5	22	27	19%
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	2	25	27	7%
Milwaukee County Federated Library	1	14	15	7%
Grand Total	121	255	376	32%

Attached is a spreadsheet in MS Excel format that details the data by system, county and library.