



MCLS Services

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What is the MCLS?

- Six public libraries: Brillion, Chilton, Kiel, Two Rivers - Lester Public, Manitowoc, and New Holstein.
- Share books, videos, other materials, and staff.
- Share ideas for programs.
- Benefit from sharing these resources with each other and the system.



In-person Services



Loanable Materials

- Nearly 20,000 books shared between all libraries in the system.
- Nearly 22,000 copies of video media.
- Most available through inter-library loan.
- All searchable through the MCLS website.



Computers & Internet Access

- Proper internet access is not always a given.
- Access to an internet-enabled computer.
- Public access to Wi-Fi.
- Access to online resources without needing to bring a device.



Research, Local History, and Other Services

- Physical archives of newspapers, civic documents, and other information.
- Copies of local stories and photographs.
- Professional services – Printing, laminating, faxing, etc.



Online Services

E-Books & OverDrive

- The “modern” way to read books.
- Convenient access to thousands of books – great for busy people.
- Also includes thousands of audiobooks.



NoveList

- Recommends readers what book they may like.
- Allows readers to more easily find and continue books in a series.
- Contains books for all ages.



BadgerLink, Reference Solutions, & Consumer Reports

- Information for research and practical applications.
- Repository of information for most interests and audiences.
- Links patrons to popular reading materials.
- Creates a more informed and confident library patron.



Newspaper Archive, Ancestry, and Recollection Wisconsin

- Research the history of yourself and the community around you.
- Learn about Wisconsin and what makes it unique.
- Find stories you would have never heard otherwise.





Unique Programs

Brillion: Reading Garden

- An outdoor learning space.
- A place for people to read while enjoying nature.
- Raised garden beds.

➤ Image Credit: Brillion Public Library



**BRILLION PUBLIC
LIBRARY
READING GARDEN**

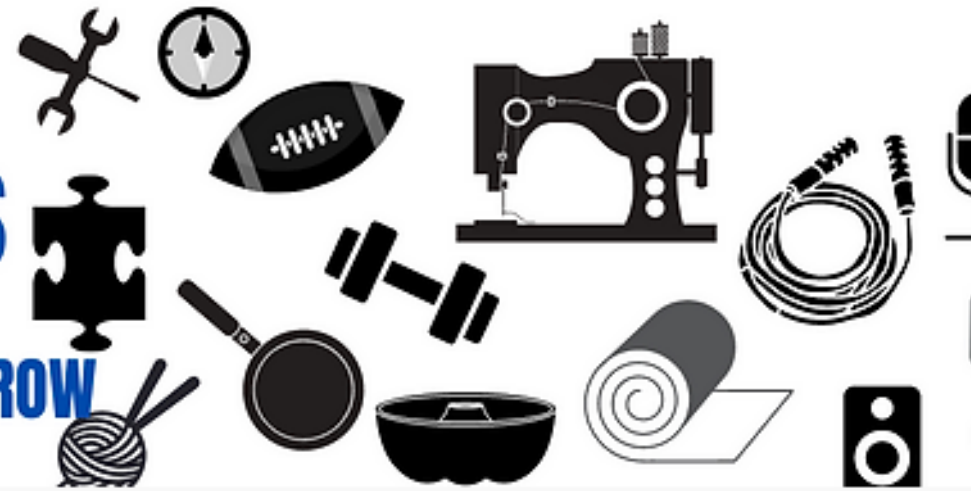
Chilton: Library of Things

- Expands on the idea of a library as a community resource.
- Opportunities to try new ideas without the purchase price.
- Creates opportunities for families to re-connect.

Public Library

Library of **THINGS**

BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW



[See List of Items Available](#)

Chilton Public Library started a Board Game collection. This collection helped support our board game evening and provided access to hobby board games that were not yet mainstream.

The library expanded the Board Game collection into a Library of Things by adding a sewing machine and a speaker. And once we got started, the collection grew to include all categories of items.

The Library of Things is a collection of items for loan that expands the boundaries of traditionally defined library materials.

The Library of Things supplements the library's approach to meeting the needs of our diverse and growing community and offers a "try before you buy," to save money, and to test out something you might not have come across otherwise. The Library of Things provides tools needed to support lifelong learning and creativity, and provide new ways for kids and adults to interact. It supports the library's mission to "provide access to an expanding world of information to help meet the informational and educational needs of our users."

The Library of Things collection is funded through the library's materials budget - just like books. For now, donations of items to the collection are not being accepted.

Kiel: Make It!

- A craft program for all ages.
- Allows people to express their creativity without the upfront cost.
- An opportunity for people to make something unique.

➤ Image credit: KPL Facebook Page



Two Rivers/LPL: Beanstack

- The new trend: “gamification”
- A new way to incentivize reading by showing real-time progress.
- Integrates with e-Books.

➤ Image Credit: Lester Public Library



WINTER
READING
PROGRAM

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Manitowoc: Idea Box

- A Makerspace that is available to the public.
- Allows people to experiment with practical skills.
- A place where ideas and helpful hints can be shared.

➤ Image Credit: Manitowoc Public Library



New Holstein: Novel-T Book Box

- A more active approach to a reading program.
- Includes incentives that work to engage readers.
- Has a new theme each month.

➤ Image Credit: NHPL Facebook Page

NOVEL-T JUNIOR!

SUBSCRIPTION BAGS FOR KIDS!

Novel-T Junior is a subscription service that features a small selection of books chosen according to a monthly theme-plus fun goodies.

To sign up go to NHPL's website & fill out the Questionnaire or ask us for a paper version.

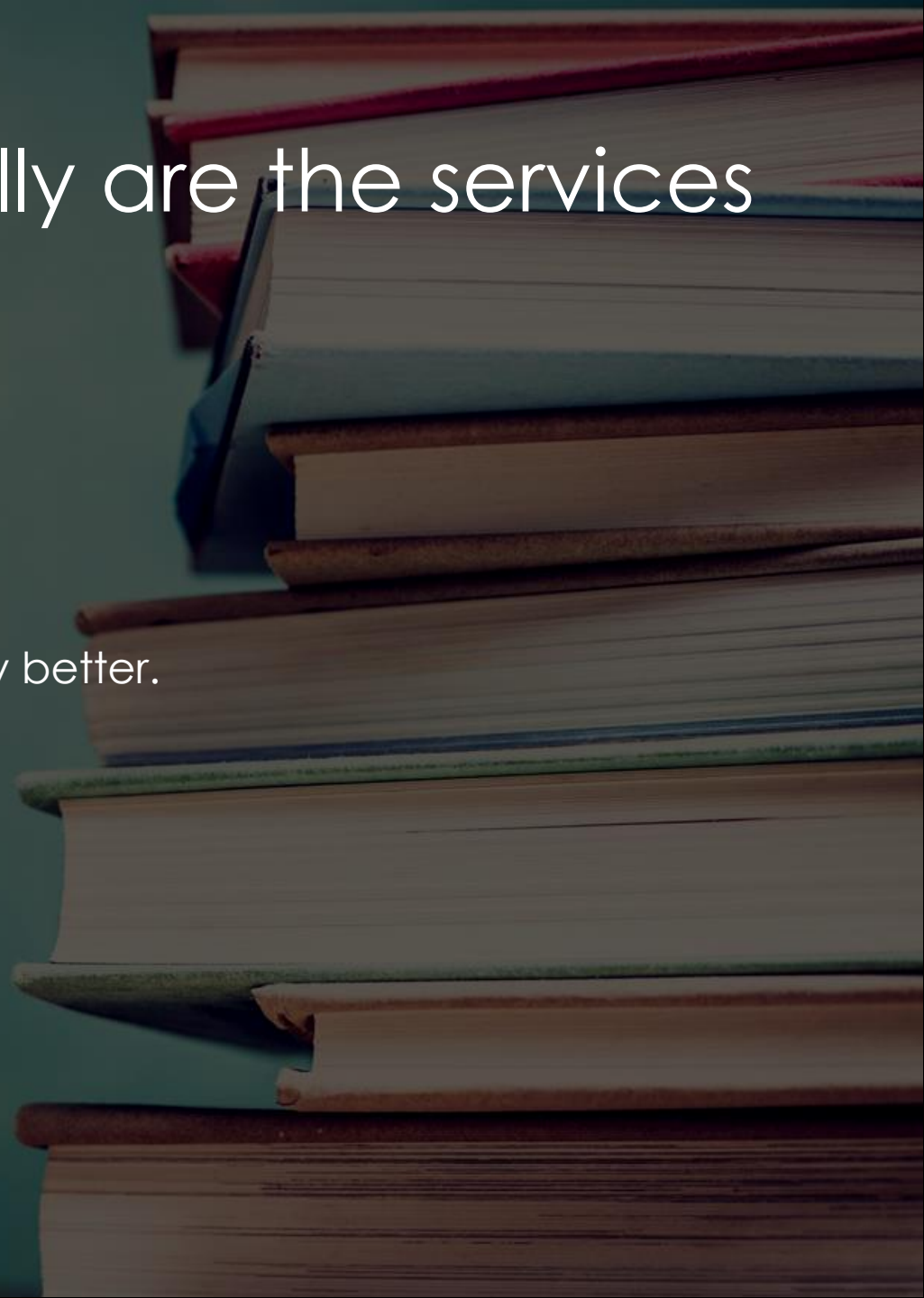
At the beginning of each month we'll notify you that your bag is ready to pick up!



SIGN UP AT NEWHOLSTEINLIBRARY.ORG

Summary – What really are the services of the MCLS?

- Opportunities to learn.
- Opportunities to explore.
- Opportunities to connect.
- Opportunities to make your community better.





Questions?

