



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Library Rusk County Community Library		2. Public Library System IFLS Library System			
3b. Head Librarian First Name Christinna	3c. Head Librarian Last Name Swearingen	4a. Certification Grade Grade 1	4b. Certification Type Regular		5. Certification Expiration Date 11/30/2030
6a. Street Address 418 Corbett Ave. W.	6b. Mailing Address or PO Box 418 Corbett Ave. W.	7. City / Village / Town Ladysmith	8a. ZIP 54848	8b. ZIP4 1708	9. County Rusk
10. Library Phone Number 7155322604	11. Fax Number (715)532-2658	12. Library E-mail Address of Director swearingen@ladysmithpl.org			
13. Library Website URL www.ladysmithpl.org		14. No. of Branches 0	15. No. of Bookmobiles Owned 0	16. No. of Other Public Service Outlets 0	
17. Does your library operate a books-by-mail program? No	18. Some public libraries are legally organized as joint libraries, with neighboring municipalities or a county and municipality joining to operate a library. Is your library such a joint library legally established under Wis. Stat. s. 43.53? Yes				
20. Square Footage of Public Library 18,000	21a. Did your library or a branch move to a new facility during the fiscal year? No	21b. Did your library or a branch renovate or expand an existing facility during the fiscal year? No		22. UEI Number	

HOURS OF OPERATION

	Standard Service with No Restrictions on Building Access	Limited Service	Staff Only (No interior service for the public)
19a. Winter hours open per week	43	0	0
19b. Number of winter weeks	52	0	0
19c. Summer hours open per week	0	0	0
19d. Number of summer weeks	0	0	0
19e. Total weeks per year	52	0	0
19f. Total hours per year for this location	2,236	0	0

II. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS							
				a. Number Owned / Leased	b. Number Added		
1. Books in Print				33,308	2,200		
2. Physical Subscriptions				41			
3. Physical Audio Materials				1,644	13		
4. Physical Video Materials				5,828	183		
5. Other Physical Materials				263			
6. Total Physical Items in Collection				41,043			
				Purchased solely by the Library	Purchased via a System, Consortium or Cooperative Agreement	Provided by the State	
7. E-books				No	Yes	No	
8. E-serials				No	Yes	No	
9. E-audio				No	Yes	No	
10. E-video				No	No	No	
11. Research Databases				No	Yes	Yes	
12. Online Learning Platforms				No	Yes	Yes	
III. LIBRARY SERVICES							
1. Physical Circulation Transactions			2. Interlibrary Loans				
a. Total Circulation	b. Children's Materials	c. Other Physical Items	a. Items Loaned <i>Provided to</i>		b. Items Received <i>Received from</i>		
71,047	33,638	812	18,878		14,419		
				Method for Counting ILL Transactions		Total ILL Transactions	
(Only Total will display when Total ILL Transactions is listed as the Method for Counting ILL Transactions)				Items Loaned to Other Libraries <i>Provided to</i>		Items Borrowed from Other Libraries <i>Received from</i>	
Integrated Library Systems (ILS)							
WISCAT							
Other (includes OCLC, manual tracking or other methods)							
3. Electronic Content Circulation Transactions							
a. E-books	b. E-serials	c. E-audio	d. E-video	e. Children's E-materials	f. Total E-materials		
6,485	1,376	9,118	0	929	16,979		
4. Number of Registered Users			5. Overdue Fines	6. Reference Transactions		7. Library Visits	
a. Resident	b. Nonresident	c. TOTAL		a. Method	b. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count
2,378	549	2,927	No	Survey Week(s)	2,496	Actual Count	72,982
8. Uses of Public Internet Computers				9. Uses of Public Wireless Internet			
a. Number of Public Use Computers	b. Number of Public Use Computers with internet access	c. Method	d. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count		
10	10	Actual Count	2,959	Actual Count	9,643		

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person and Live, Virtual Statistics by Age

	Young Child (0-5)	Child (6-11)	Young Adult (12-18)	Adult (19+)	General Interest (all ages)
Number of Programs	63	17	16	57	137
Total Attendance	853	896	70	250	3,425

Total Program Statistics by Program Category

	In-Person On-Site	In-Person Off-Site	Live, Virtual	Pre-recorded	
Number of Programs	202	88	0	0	
Total Attendance	2,393	3,101	0		
Total Program Views				0	

Describe the library's in-person programs:

story time, teen support and education, educational programs, STEM programs, live performances, crafts, puzzles

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's live, virtual programs:

0

Describe the library's live, virtual programs:

0

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's pre-recorded programs:

0

Describe the library's pre-recorded programs:

0

IV. LIBRARY GOVERNANCE

Library Board Members. List all members of the library board as of the date of this report. List the president first. Indicate vacancies. Report changes to the Division for Libraries and Technology as they occur. When reporting such changes, indicate the departing board members.

First Name	Last Name	City	Email Address
PRESIDENT			
1. David	Willingham	Ladysmith	dwillingham@ruskcountywi.us
2. Nathan	Johnson	Ladysmith	district2.col@gmail.com
3. Kathy	Plahuta	Sheldon	kplahuta@sdlwi.org
4. Lynette	Anderson	Ladysmith	llanderson64@gmail.com
5. Cheyenne	Makinia	Ladysmith	cmakinia@gmail.com
6. Annette	Barna	Ladysmith	abarna@centurytel.net
7. Anna	Kauffman	Ladysmith	annam.kauffman@gmail.com
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No. of Library Board Members *Include vacancies in this count* 7

XI. PUBLIC LIBRARY LOANS OF MATERIAL TO NONRESIDENTS

1. Of the total circulation reported for the library from Section III, item 1, what was the total circulation to nonresidents <i>See instructions for definition of nonresident</i>			44,894
Divide nonresident circulation among the following categories. The total of 2 through 6 below should not be greater than the number reported in item 1 above.		a. Those with a Library	b. Those without a Library
2. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in the Library's County		4,105	35,412
3. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in Another County in the Library System		1,166	1,732
4. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Not in the Library System		767	1,346
5. Circulation to All Other Wisconsin Residents	84	6. Circulation to Persons from Out of the State	
7. Are the answers to items 1 through 6 based on actual count or survey/sample?		8b. If yes, does the library allow residents in adjacent systems to purchase library cards?	
Actual		No	
9. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Who Do Not Have a Local Public Library			
Name of County		Circulation	
a. Barron	22	f. Washburn	0
b. Chippewa	1,532	g.	
c. Price	47	h.	
d. Sawyer	342	i.	
e. Taylor	1,004	j.	

XII. TECHNOLOGY (Not included in 2025 Report)

XIII. SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES, STAFF SERVING YOUTH / ADULTS

1. Self-directed Activities: <i>Planned, independent activities available for a definite time period which introduce participants to any of the broad range of library services or activities that directly provide information to participants.</i>			
	a. Children (0-5)	b. Children (6-11)	c. Young Adult (12-18)
Number of Self-Directed Activities	1	2	1
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	30	43	15
	d. Adult (19+)	e. General Interest (all ages)	f. Total
Number of Self-Directed Activities	1	13	18
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	110	312	510
2. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the children, youth, or teen librarian. Only the primary person is displayed here.			
a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address	
Valerie	Spooner	spooner@ladysmithpl.org	
3. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the librarian for adults. Only the primary person is displayed here.			
a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address	
Christinna	Swearingen	swearingen@ladysmithpl.org	

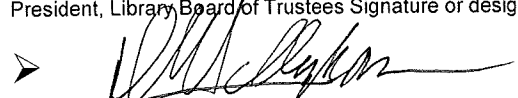
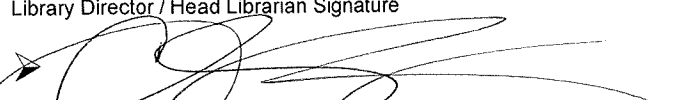
XIV. PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

We assure the Public Library System of which this library is a member and the Division for Libraries and Technology, Department of Public Instruction that this public library is in compliance with the following requirements for public library system membership as listed in Wis. Stats. A check (X) or a mark in the checkbox indicates compliance with the requirement.

- The library is established under s. 43.52 (municipalities), s. 43.53 (joint libraries), or s. 43.57 (consolidated county libraries and county library services) of the Wisconsin Statutes [s. 43.15(4)(c)1].
- The library is free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained [s. 43.52(2), 73 Op. Atty. Gen. 86(1984), and OAG 30-89].
- The library's board membership complies with statutory requirements regarding appointment, length of term, number of members and composition. [s. 43.54 (municipal and joint libraries), s. 43.57(4) & (5) (consolidated and country library services), and s. 43.60(3) (library extension and interchange)].
- The library board has exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund [s. 43.58(1)].
- The library director is present in the library at least 10 hours a week while library is open to the public, less leave time [s. 43.15(4)(c)6].
- The library board supervises the administration of the library, appoints the librarian, who appoints such other assistants and employees as the library board deems necessary, and prescribes their duties and compensation [s. 43.58(4)].
- The library is authorized by the municipal governing board to participate in the public library system [s. 43.15(4)(c)3].
- The library has entered into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities, to participate in interlibrary loan of materials with other system libraries, and to provide, to any resident of the system area, the same library services, on the same terms, that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. This shall not prohibit a municipal, county, or joint public library from giving preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if the library limits the number of persons who may participate in the group program, or from providing remote access to a library's online resources only to its residents. [s. 43.15(4)(c)4].
- The library's head librarian holds the appropriate grade level of public librarian certification from the Department of Public Instruction [s. 43.15(4)(c)6 and Administrative Code Rules PI 6.03].
- The library annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours each week except that for a library in existence on June 3, 2006, annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours or the number of hours each week that the library was open to the public in 2005, whichever is fewer [s. 43.15(4)(c)7].
- The library annually spends at least \$2,500 on library materials. [s. 43.15(4)(c)8].

XV. CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this annual report and any attachments are true and accurate and the library board has reviewed and approved this report.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee 	Name of President or Designee Print or type David Willingham	Date Signed 2/10/26
Library Director / Head Librarian Signature 	Library Director / Head Librarian Print or type Christinna Swearingen	Date Signed 2/10/26

STATEMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

As required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(c), the following statement that the library system either did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library must be completed and approved by the library board. The response should be made in the context of the public library system's statutory responsibilities and the funding which it has available to meet those responsibilities.

County

Rusk

The Rusk County Community Library Board of Trustees hereby states that in 2025 the IFLS Library System
Name of Public Library *Name of Public Library System / Service*

- did provide effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library.
 - did not provide effective leadership and did not adequately meet the needs of the library.
- Indicate with an X one of the above statements*


Explanation of library board's response. *Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

Note: With the approval of the library board of trustees, this statement may be submitted separately from the Annual Report form that is sent to the library system, as an e-mail attachment to LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov.

XV. CERTIFICATION

The preceding statement was approved by the Public Library Board of Trustees.

Division staff will compile the statements received for each library system and, as required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.05(14), conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30 percent of the libraries in participating municipalities that include at least 30 percent of the population of all participating municipalities report that the public library system did not adequately meet the needs of the library. This statement may be provided to the public library system.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee	Name of President or Designee Print or type	Date Signed
	David Willingham	2/10/26

COMMENTS

SECTION III

14. In-Person On-Site Young Adult Program Attendance

Change noted from last year due to less attendance and programming for Young Adult--2026-01-29

Total Young Adult Synchronous Attendance

Fewer programs and attendance this year--2026-02-02

SECTION V

Other Revenue

MORE Ecommerce Payments--2026-01-22

SECTION VI

b. Electronic Content

MORE Content/Materials--2026-01-22

5. Other Operating Expenditures

Expenditures were higher in 2025 to cover much needed and increased maintenance on the physical building.--2026-02-03

Self Check--2026-01-22