

Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS)



Mission Statement

- NFLS provides member libraries cost effective and efficient **access to resources, support, and expertise**, resulting in vibrant community resources that better serve their patrons.

Goals/Purposes

- To ensure that all residents in the System area have legal and adequate access to the full variety of public library services and facilities.
- To provide services/resources/materials through the System when it is not practical for individual libraries.
- To develop equitable financial and/or service arrangements to compensate member libraries for service to users beyond their primary clientele.

Goals/Purposes Continued

- To arrange for cooperation with libraries of different types and with adjacent library systems to make the most efficient use of regional library resources.
- To ensure that information on technological development in library and related fields be collected, analyzed and disseminated to member libraries.
- To maintain an awareness of programs, policies and issues on the state and national level that may reflect changing or new philosophies in library development and services; and to disseminate this information to member libraries.

Summary of Goals/Purposes

- NFLS provides growth and development of member libraries through long-range planning and resources sharing between member libraries.
- NFLS also coordinates central support services (to avoid duplication of cost and effort of member libraries) and research and development of new services for member libraries so they can provide quality information and services to their communities.

State Statute

- “A federated public library system board shall have the powers of a public library board under s. 43.58 with respect to system-wide functions and services. The local library boards shall retain responsibility for their public libraries in all other areas.” (43.19)

In Other Words...

- Each member library is funded and governed locally, but contracts with NFLS for the purpose of coordinating and strengthening services. In most cases, NFLS does not provide direct library service.

About Us

- The **Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS)** is a state-funded organization assisting [42 member public libraries](#) in providing better services to the people of northeastern Wisconsin since 1976.
- NFLS is one of [16 public library systems](#) in the state of Wisconsin and is organized under the [WI Dept. of Public Instruction](#). Each system is governed by an independent board of trustees and funded by state aids to carry out the service requirements set forth in Chapter 43 of the [Wisconsin Statutes](#).



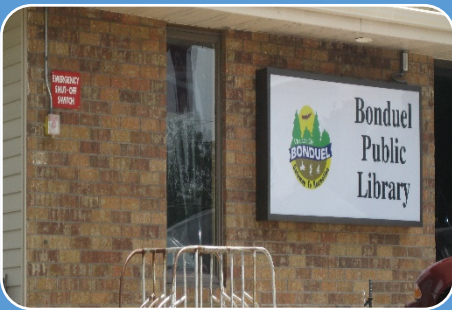
DPI (Division of Libraries and Technology)

- Determines state statutes
- Sets state budget and distributes funds to library systems
- Serve as stewards of state and federal funds and sustainers of statutory compliance
- Support public libraries and regional systems on behalf of Wisconsin residents to ensure equitable access to library services



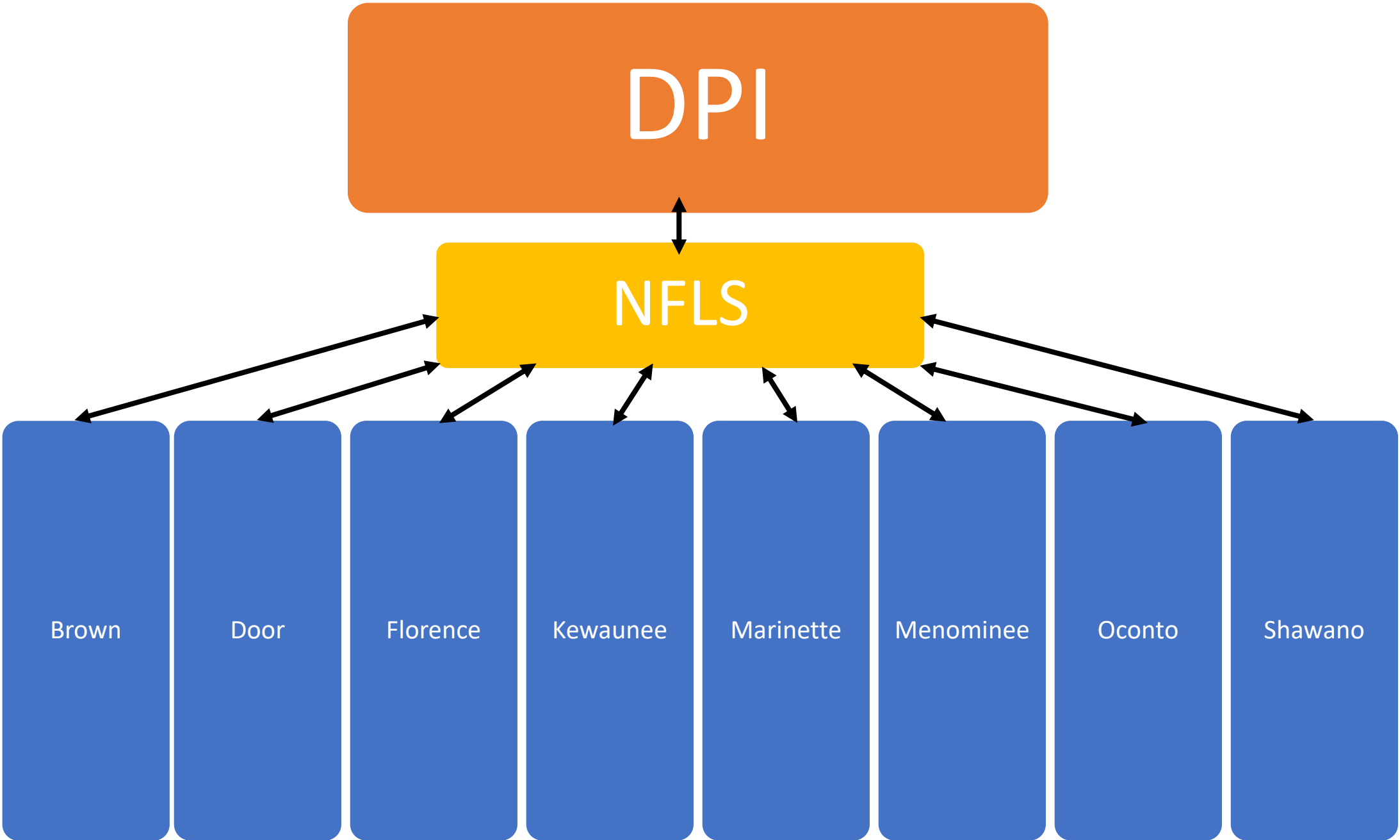
NFLS

- Is an intermediary between DPI and the libraries
- Distributes state funding to compliant member libraries
- Aids member libraries in meeting state standards of service
- Provides technology and delivery services to libraries



Libraries (from the Library Bill of Rights)

- Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.



Who You Are

- “Appointments shall be in proportion to population as nearly as practical, but, except as provided in subd. 2, each county shall be represented by at least one member on the system board.” (43.19)

Who You Are Continued

- The NFLS Board of Trustees is comprised of
 - Eight (8) members from Brown County
 - One (1) member from Florence County
 - One (1) member from Door County
 - One (1) member from Kewaunee County
 - Two (2) members from Marinette County
 - one (1) member from Menominee County
 - One (1) member from Oconto County
 - Two (2) members from Shawano County

Additional Resources

- NFLS Board Member Job Description (handout)
- More information about the Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS) can be found on the system website (<http://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/>).
 - About Us page (<http://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/who-we-are.html>) provides basic information about NFLS
 - Trustees page (<http://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/board-members.html>) contains information about the Board and board meetings
- Stay tuned for (and take advantage of) Trustee Training opportunities presented throughout the year.

Thank You!

- Your work is important to the success of NFLS and its libraries. We appreciate all that you do. Thank you!