WI Law Libraries Open to the Public: Part I

MADISON

WI State Law Library
OPEN 8-5 M-F
(608)266-1600
1-800-322-9755 Toll Free
On the web: http://wilawlibrary.gov/
Reference Desk: (608) 267-9696
Email: will.ref@wicourts.gov
Fax: (608) 267-2319
Located in the Risser Justice Center
120 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 2nd Floor
Madison, WI 53703
Staff: 10 (includes full and part-time)
Services to the Public: A partial Federal Depository Library. Reference & research assistance in person or via phone or email; photocopying for a small fee; sales of legal and court forms; free in-house access to the Internet and legal research databases, including Westlaw; use of collection in the library only; hands-on legal research classes; library tours by appointment; document delivery service (prepayment required); special outreach programming and instructional opportunities throughout the year.
Publications: WiLL @ Your Service, a monthly newsletter.
Library Catalog

Dane County Law Library
OPEN 8:30-4:30 M-F
(608) 266-6316
On the web: http://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html
Reference Desk: (608) 267-9696
Email: will.ref@wicourts.gov
Fax: (608) 266-5988
Located in the Dane County Courthouse
215 S. Hamilton Street, Room L1007
Madison, WI 53703
Staff: 2 (includes full and part-time)
Services to the Public: Reference and research assistance in person or via phone or email; photocopying for a small fee; sales of legal and court forms; use of the collection in the library only, specialized collections for self-represented litigants, as well as access to a drug court collection and selected local court decisions; free in-house access to the Internet and legal research databases, including Westlaw; legal research classes for the public; courthouse tours by appointment; special outreach and instructional opportunities throughout the year.
Publications: Low-cost Legal Assistance in Dane County, a guide to agencies and resources providing legal help; Dane Co Landlord/Tenant Legal Resource Guide, a directory of state and local legal resources to help landlords and tenants with their legal questions.
Library Catalog

Univ. of WI-Madison Law Library
OPEN Varying Hours, check the library website
(608) 262-1128
On the web: http://library.law.wisc.edu/
Reference Desk: (608) 262-3394
Email reference available through the website
Fax: (608) 262-2775
Located on the campus of UW-Madison
975 Bascom Mall
Madison, WI 53706
Staff: 25 (includes full and part-time)
Services to the Public: A partial Federal Depository Library. Reference Assistance available during hours listed on website in person, via phone, by email or chat. Public can use the print collection in the library and borrow materials with a UW Memorial Library card or apply for a Law Library card with current photo ID and Wisconsin address. The card will be mailed to verify the address, but up to three items may be checked out while the Law Library card application is pending. Photocopies can be made for a small fee. Free Internet access in the library for legal research purposes only.
Publications: Law Library News and WisBlawg, a legal blog regarding WI legal news and resources.
Library Catalog

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee County Law Library
OPEN 8-4:30 M-F
(414) 278-4900
On the web: http://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html
Fax: (414) 223-1818
Located in the Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street, Room G8
Milwaukee, WI 53233
Staff: 5 (includes full and part-time)
Services to the Public: Reference and research assistance in person or via phone; photocopying for a small fee; use of collection in the library only; sales of legal and court forms; free in-house Internet access and legal research databases, including Westlaw; special outreach programming and instructional opportunities throughout the year.
Library Catalog

Marquette University Ray & Kay Eckstein Law Library
OPEN Varying Hours, check the library website
(414) 288-7092
On the web: https://law.marquette.edu/library/eckstein-law-library
Reference Desk: (414) 288-3837
Email reference available through the website
Fax: (414) 288-5914
Located on the campus of Marquette Univ.
Eckstein Hall, 1215 West Michigan Street,
Milwaukee, WI 53201
Staff: 26 (includes both full and part-time)
Services to the Public: Users must register at the lobby desk upon entering Eckstein Hall by signing in and showing a picture identification card. Access to the 3rd and 4th floors of Eckstein Hall, including library materials, is restricted after 4:00 p.m. during the week and all day on weekends. To access library materials on these floors, see a library assistant at the circulation desk during staffed hours. Reference & research assistance is available during hours listed on website in person, via phone, or by email. Public can use the print collection in the library only. Free in-house access to the Internet and legal research databases for legal research purposes only. Photocopies for a small fee.
Library Catalog

Federal District Court of WI: Eastern District Law Library
OPEN 8:30-5:00 M-F
(414) 297-1698
Fax: (414) 297-1698
Located in the US Courthouse, Room 516
517 E Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Staff: 2 (includes full and part-time)
Services to the Public: Limited reference service; photocopying; Public can use the collection in the library only; collection features titles especially for Federal Court.

Note: Part I includes only staffed law libraries open to the public. Part II lists other law libraries that are open to the public, but do not provide staff assistance.
Law Libraries Open to the Public, Part II

Adams County Law Library
Hours: 8:4-30 M-F
Location: Second Floor, Adams County Courthouse, 400 Main Street, Friendship, WI 53934
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Ashland County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: Room 304, 201 W Main Street, Ashland, WI 54806
Limited print collection of WI primary materials with a few secondary materials

Bayfield County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: Main Floor, 117 E 5th St, Washburn, WI 54891
Westlaw; 25¢/pg to print; limited print collection of WI primary materials with a few secondary sources

Brown County
Hours: 8:430
Location: Room 140, Courthouse, 100 S Jefferson St, Green Bay, WI 54301
Internet access; print access to WI statutes and case law

Buffalo County
Hours: 8:430 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Courthouse, 407 2nd St S, Alma, WI 54610
Internet access; print access to WI statutes and case law

Clark County Law Library
Hours: 8:430 M-F
Location: Room 409, Courthouse, 517 Court St, Neillsville, WI 54456
Limited print collection of WI primary materials; Clerk’s Office has information on free legal clinic sponsored by Clark County Bar Association once per month

Cedar County Law Library: see Part I

Dodge County Law Library
Hours: 8-430 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Dodge Co Justice Facility, 210 W Main St, Juneau, WI 53037
Internet access to legal research resources; Lexis

Douglas County Law Library
Hours: 8-12 and 1-430 M-F
Location: Room 307, Courthouse, 1313 Belknap St, Superior, WI 54880
Westlaw; printing available but must bring own paper; limited print collection of WI primary materials

Eau Claire County Law Library
Hours: 8-5 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, 721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703
Internet access for research purposes only, WestlawNext; moderate print collection of primary and secondary sources; Clerk’s Office has information on free legal clinic sponsored by Eau Claire County Bar Association once per month

Florence County Law Library
Hours: 8-30-4 30 M-F
Location: Courthouse, 501 Lake Ave, Florence, WI 54121
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Forest County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F
Location: 3rd Floor, Courthouse, 200 E Madison St, Crandon, WI 54520
Westlaw; limited print collection

Grant County Law Library
Hours: 8-430 M-F
Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse 130 W Maple St Lancaster, WI 53813
Internet access; Westlaw; limited print collection of WI primary materials

Green County Law Library
Hours: 8-430 M-F
Location: First floor, Green County Justice Center, 2641 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Iowa County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-430 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Courthouse, 222 N Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI 53533
Moderate print collection of WI primary and some secondary materials

Iron County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Courthouse, 307 Taconite St, Hurley, WI 54534
Moderate print collection of WI primary and some secondary materials

Jackson County
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Courthouse, 307 Main St, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Limited print collection of WI primary materials; resources are in a judge’s office; users must take materials to a conference room for review

Jefferson County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Room 115, Courthouse, 320 S Main St, Jefferson, WI 53549
Print collection of WI primary materials

Juneau County Law Library
Hours: 8-3:0 M-F
Location: Adjacent to the Clerk of Court's Office, 200 Oak Street, Justice Center, Mauston, WI 53948
Moderate print collection of WI primary and some secondary sources

La Crosse County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-430 M-F
Location: Room 307, Courthouse, 1313 Belknap St, La Crosse, WI 54601
Limited print collection of WI primary and some secondary sources

Lafayette County Law Library
Hours: 8-430 M-F
Location: 3rd Floor, Courthouse, 626 Main St, Darlington, WI 53530
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Langlade County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F
Location: Room 201, Courthouse, 800 Clement St, Antigo, WI 54409
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Manitowoc County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F
Location: Room B-6, Courthouse, 1010 S 8th St, Manitowoc, WI 54221
Internet access, Lexis, printing available for a fee; significant print collection of primary and secondary sources

Marinette County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Room C047 (Basement) and C208, Courthouse 1926 Hall Ave, Marinette, WI 54143
Limited print collection of WI primary materials and some secondary materials

Note: The county funds Westlaw WI resources, State Bar of Wisconsin online Books UnBound resources and print legal resources at La Crosse Public Library; no resources in the courthouse. Clerk’s Office also has information on Family Law Information Center in courthouse on certain days
Marquette County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: 2nd Floor Courthouse, 77 W Park St, Montello, WI 53949
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Milwaukee Legal Resource Center—see Part I

Monroe County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: 3rd floor Courthouse, 112 S Court St, Sparta, WI 54656

Oconto County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: Courthouse, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153
Internet access

Oneida County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Ozaukee County Pro Se Center
Hours: 8-5 M-F
Location: Room 202, Courthouse, 1201 S Spring St, Port Washington, WI 53074
Internet access; 25¢/pg to print; limited print collection with WI statutes and administrative code and some pro se materials and secondary materials; Family Law Assistance Center available once per week to obtain legal information (no legal advice)

Pepin County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F
Location: Government Center, 740 7th Ave W, Durand, WI 54736
Limited print collection of WI statutes and case and limited secondary material

Pierce County Law Library
Hours: 8-5 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Courthouse, 414 W Main St, Ellsworth, WI 54011
Limited print collection of WI primary materials; Clerk’s Office has information on free legal clinic sponsored by Pierce County Bar Association offered once per month

Price County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Room 204, Courthouse, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555
Westlaw, $2.25/pg to print; limited print collection of WI primary materials

Racine County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:45 M-F, but closed 12 – 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Location: 8th floor, Courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Ave, Racine, WI 53403
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Rock County Law Library
Hours: 8-5 M-F
Location: 4th floor, Courthouse, 51 S Main St, Janesville, WI 53545
Internet access, Westlaw

St. Croix County Law Library
Hours: 8-5 M-F
Location: Government Center, 1101 Carmichael St, Hudson, WI 54016
Internet access; print access to WI statutes and administrative code; Clerk’s Office has information on free legal clinic offered by St. Croix County Bar Association once per month

Taylor County Law Library
Note: The county funds Westlaw and assists with purchasing new equipment at Medford Public Library; no resources in the courthouse

Trempealeau County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30
Location: 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Whitehall, WI 54673
Internet access for legal research; Westlaw and Lexis; moderate print collection of WI primary law and some secondary materials

Vernon County Law Library
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F
Location: 2nd floor, Courthouse, Viroqua, WI 54665
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Vilas County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: 2nd Floor, Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521
Loislaw; limited print collection of WI primary materials

Washburn County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: 2nd Floor, Courthouse, 10 W 4th Ave, Shell Lake, WI 54871
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Waukesha County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Room 330 Administration Building, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha WI, 53188 (print resources); Electronic resources, forms, and other assistance is located at the county’s family law self-help center in the Courthouse, Room C-112, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha WI, 53188, or online. Clerk’s Office has information on Family Law Clinic available by appointment

Waupaca County Law Library
Hours: 8-4 M-F
Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse, 811 Harding St, Waupaca, WI 54981
Limited print collection of WI primary materials

Winnebago County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Room 340, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54903
Loislaw, 25¢/pg to print; Clerk’s Office has information on Legal Assistance Clinic sponsored by Winnebago County Bar Association three times per month at various locations

Wood County Law Library
Hours: 8-4:30 M-F
Location: Courthouse, 400 Market St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Internet Access, $1.25/pg to print

Note:
Loislaw, Westlaw, and Lexis are commercial legal research systems that provide access to a variety of resources, such as caselaw, statutes, codes, and rules, through searchable databases.

Part II lists courthouses that provide legal resources to the public, but no staff assistance. Part I lists law libraries that are open to the public and provide staff assistance with resources.

These counties have no legal resources available for the public in the courthouse and no arrangement to provide resources through other means:

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