# The Badgerlink Consortium



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### Tour

### Go to



# What is it anyway?

#### **Semantics**

- Project (1) (6) (8) (9)
- Program (1) (6) (9) (10)
- Research World Wide Web site (4) (5) (7)
- Digital Library (2) (11) (12)
- Web-based information resource/service (3) (13)
- Online library project (6)
- Information portal



# What is it anyway?

#### **Contains**

- State- licensed databases from 9 vendors
  - Approximately 20,000 FT materials
- Access to home grown databases
- Access to digital libraries
- Access to OPACs
- Selected websites



### Goals

- "auality online information resources for Wisconsin residents in cooperation with the state's public, school, academic and special libraries and Internet Service Providers" (1)
- Available for any age or geographic area of residence (16)
- Support authentication (16)
- Provide technical support and training & public information (16)
- Specialized subject interests for specific clientele (16)

## History

- Key topic discussed at the Feb 1998 Library Technology Planning Conference (17)
- Began in July 1998 (16)
- LSTA funding from July 1998-Dec. 1999 (16)
- Originally only two vendors (16)
- Secured state funding in 1999-2001 budget (16)
- 2003 RFP, 8 vendors, negotiated for five years (16)
- 2009 RFP, added an additional vendor (16)



## Made possible by...

- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Funding through Public Service Commission Universal Service Fund in the state budget. (15)
- Price tag: \$2.2 million annually (15)
- Savings of at least \$66 million (14)



# Consortia Agreement level

- Three different levels (18)
- Badgerlink works through licensing the product for the entire member base and providing members a gateway to directly access the resources at the product's web site. (18)



# Licensing

- Sally Drew, WI DPI, coordinates this
- Some aspects she wants
  - Order of precedence
  - Authentication: method, system, ISPs
  - State-wide, all types of libraries, & all users
  - Badgerlink logo & link in dB
  - Support
  - Fair use for ILL
  - Publicity
  - Include in Google results



# Licensing Pro/Con

- RFP- long process, but lasts for five years
- License terms are more similar, but still different
- Exclusive agreements
- Internet Service Providers- cannot add more until next negotiation



### Authentication

- Methods (16)
  - Primary IP Address through
  - WI library card numbers
  - Referring URL from local automated systems or web pages
  - User ID and password
- Considering proxy system (19)
- Pro/Cons



# Electronic Resource Management

- No one vendor to keep track of workflow, and other data
- Auto-Graphics
  - Federated searching across dB
    - Product: AGent Search
    - · Added August 2008
    - Via WISCAT (AGent Verso)
    - Not all dB support this
  - Centralized Authentication
    - Quova Technology- Geolocation Authentication



### Future

- Revamp webpage appearance (WLA2010 session)
- · E-books
- Expand & increase online full-text content (16)
- Develop additional databases (16)
- Change or improve authentication (16)
- Improve outreach and public relations (16)
- · Improve skills of BadgerLink users (16)
- Additional portal features or customization (16)



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