

## Digital Library Consortium Promotes Equitable Access to Library Resources: Sign-up Period Begins September 1

The Wisconsin School Digital Library Consortium (WSDLC) is excited to announce that OverDrive has been selected as the provider for the WSDLC collection of ebooks for the 2017-18 school year, the initial year of the consortium.

The intent of the WSDLC is to develop a shared collection of school library ebooks and other materials that will be available to all participating districts and schools in the state. The expectation is that the collection will maximize the effectiveness of expenditures on digital library materials and addresses the inequity across districts through a shared digital library collection.

The initial sign-up period for districts and individual schools to join the Consortium will be from September 1 - November 1, with the OverDrive collection going live around January 1, 2018. The cost per student to participate will be \$1.50.

The Interim Board has begun selecting titles for the opening day collection. Potential title lists will be available during the enrollment period. Future selection will be done by a committee of Consortium participants.

School district leaders are encouraged to collaborate with their school media specialists to explore how the Consortium membership can facilitate higher academic achievement for students by building a more robust library media program.

More information about signing up will be available by August 20th. Additional information about the process for schools and districts that are already OverDrive customers will also be available at that time.

For more information about the project, please contact WiLS, the WSDLC project managers, at <a href="wsdlc-info@wils.org">wsdlc-info@wils.org</a> or visit the project website: <a href="www.wils.org/wsdlc">www.wils.org/wsdlc</a>