



# The Public Library - The Ultimate Recycler

## Less Paper – More Online

As the ultimate recycler, our organization is finding ways to use less paper:



- library notices are sent via email instead of paper mail
- we closed our print shop & publish most brochures on demand
- all computer paper is used at least once for scrap, then recycled
- all paper products in all 3 buildings (paper towels, toilet paper) were replaced with an EPA compliant product that reduces consumption & waste

We continue to add quality electronic resources for both research and entertainment. Below is a sampling.

**Mango\*** Learn the foreign language (or two or three) at your own pace.

**Learning Express\*** Interactive study aids and sample tests for the GED, ACT, SAT, civil service and dozens of other professional and school test.

**Badgerlink** Full-text magazines and newspapers at your fingertips—

**Novelist** Don't know what to read next? Search thousands of titles by author, title, genre and series, or discover author and title read-alikes. Historical New York Times\* Find full text articles from the NY Times -1851-2006!

**Overdrive** Download your favorite audio books to your computer or portable device.

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In 2009, La Crosse Public Library again hit the one million circulation mark for the fourth year in a row, establishing itself as one of the top ten libraries in the state. As the ultimate recycler, the library is able to take one item and share it over and over again. Our WRLSWEB catalog contains resources from 40 libraries in 7 counties giving area library users quick access to a wide variety of materials.

Whether it's books, CDs, or DVDs, our goal is to have one item touch many lives. Take a look at a few of our sharing statistics:

Title	# of copies	check-outs
<i>Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult</i>	59	1146
<i>Dear John by Nicholas Sparks</i>	77	1689
<i>Twilight Series by Stephanie Meyer</i>	186	5,074
<i>Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson</i>	75	1,398
<i>Slumdog Millionaire-DVD</i>	31	882
<i>Man on Wire-DVD</i>	8	238
<i>Gran Torino-DVD</i>	27	529

All of these items will continue to circulate until they are worn out or "re-sold" at the Friends of the Library book sales.

**NetLibrary** Read non-fiction ebooks at your computer, including titles in law, medicine, business and computer science.

**ReferenceUSA \*** Look up addresses and telephone numbers for business and residential listings or create custom mailing lists.

\*City of La Crosse Residents only.



## Go Green—Share a Book

### Green Living Books--@yourlibrary

- **Discussion Course on Choices for Sustainable Living**, by Duane Elgin (2009)
- **Easy Green Living: the Ultimate Guide to Simple, Eco-friendly Choices for You and Your Home**, by Renee Loux (2008)
- **The Essential Green You: Easy Ways to Detox Your Diet, Your Body, and Your Life**, by Deirdre Imus (2009)
- **Gorgeously Green: 8 Simple Steps to an Earth-friendly Life**, by Sophie Uliano (2008)
- **Green Goes With Everything: Simple Steps to a Healthier Life and a Cleaner Planet**, by Sloan Barnett (2008)
- **Green Your Work: Boost Your Bottom Line While Reducing Your Carbon Footprint**, by Kim Carlson (2009)
- **Living Like Ed: A Guide to the Eco-friendly Life**, by Ed Begley, Jr. (2008)
- **Mindfully Green: A Personal and Spiritual Guide to Whole Earth Thinking**, by Stephani Kaza (2008)
- **Stirring It Up: How to Make Money and Save the World**, by Gary Hirshberg (2008)
- **True Green Home: 100 Inspirational Ideas for Creating a Green Environment at Home**, by Kim McKay (2009)
- **Worldchanging: a User's Guide for the 21st Century**, by Alex Steffen (2008)

### Green Building Books—@yourlibrary

- **Building Today's Green Home: Practical, Cost-Effective, and Eco-Responsible Homebuilding**, by Art Smith, (2009)
- **Complete Guide to Alternative Home Building Materials & Methods: including Sod, Compressed Earth, Plaster, Straw, Beer Cans, Bottles, Cordwood, and Many Other Low Cost Materials**, by Jon Nunan (2010)
- **Complete Guide to a Green Home: the Good Citizen's Guide to Earth-friendly Remodeling & Home Maintenance**, by Philip Schmidt, (2008)
- **Green Design: a Healthy Home Handbook** by Alan Beriman (2008)
- **Green from the Ground Up: A Builder's Guide**, by David Johnston (2008)
- **Green Living by Design: The Practical Guide for Eco-Friendly Remodeling and Decorating**, by Jean Nayar, (2009)
- **True Green Home: 100 Inspirational Ideas for Creating a Green Environment at Home**, by Kim McKay, (2009)
- **Your Eco-friendly Yard: Sustainable Ideas to Save You Time, Money and the Earth**, by Tom Girolamo, (2009)





## Sustaining our Library Buildings

La Crosse Public Library has three buildings, Main Library, South Community Library and North Community Library.



### Lighting

We continue to change the lighting in the libraries to high efficient fluorescent lamps and ballasts.

- The Community libraries replaced 400 watt Halide lamps & fixtures with T-8 fluorescent lamps, ballasts and fixtures.

- At Main, public areas had the old T-12 lamps replaced with T-8 lamps and ballasts. We are working with Focus on Energy to replace the remaining areas of the basement and the garage with T-8 lamps and ballasts. The museum has had 75 watt incandescent flood lamps replaced with 16 watt compact fluorescent lamps, all the spot lighting was replaced with 11 watt CFLs, and the outside building lights were also changed to 16 watt CFLs. The atrium lights and ballast were replaced with T-5 lamps and ballasts.

### HVAC Equipment & Boilers

- At South, the air handling unit and the air conditioner were replaced, and a humidifier was installed. We are looking into the replacement of the steam boiler to an efficient hot water system.

- At North, the boiler was replaced along with the air handler, air conditioner and humidifier.



*South Community Library*

- At Main, we are currently replacing the 1960s era boiler\* with a high-efficiency system, and humidification system, and also redoing the piping and pumping systems. We replaced the air filter systems with a more efficient one, and went from a rolled media filter to a pleated filter for better air flow and air quality.

To quote Library Director, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, "using this boiler can be compared to using 10 gallons of water to brew a cup of tea."

### Miscellaneous

- In 1996, all toilets and urinals were replaced with low water consumption units, and automatic, regulated flushing.
- New energy efficient windows were installed at North.
- We commission Trane to make sure our building systems perform at the highest level of efficiency.
- Current projects we are looking into are installing a white membrane roof for replacement at Main, and installing occupancy sensors for lights.



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