Founded  MCFLS became one of the first four certified Wisconsin public library systems in October, 1972 and began operation in 1973.

Web Site  www.mcfls.org

Area Served  1,189 square miles, all within Milwaukee County

Population Served  939,489 (2020 municipal/extended county population)

Registered Resident Users  353,088 patrons

Demographics  27.6% of county residents are of African-American origin and 16.4% identify as Hispanic, both of which are much higher than in the state as a whole. The median household income of $52,260 is only 83% of the state-wide level of $63,293.

Libraries Served  Service is provided to 28 public library locations within the service area

Governance  MCFLS operates under Chapter 43 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES and is governed by a 7-member Board of Trustees. The Milwaukee County Executive appoints Trustees to the MCFLS Board.

  Current officers of the Board are:
  President – Paul Ziehler
  Vice-President – Guy Johnson
  Treasurer – Steven Shea

Director  Steve Heser  (steve.heser@mcfls.org - Phone: 414-286-8149)

Location  709 N. Eighth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Budget & Funding  MCFLS' 2023 budget is $4,929,385. Approximately 72% of our revenue comes from the State of Wisconsin; 20% from member public libraries and the remaining from service contracts, grants and interest.

Major Services  Online library catalog administration, collective purchasing, internet access, technical expertise and support, online resources/databases, courier service, consultant service, continuing education and training for library personnel and trustees.

Number of Physical Items in Shared Catalog  4,024,828 items which includes non-circulating reference materials

Staff  5.375 full time equivalents

State View  MCFLS is one of 16 library systems in the state.