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## Thank You Izaak Walton League!

The library media centers in *Stevens Point Area Public School District* were all blessed with a generous gift from the *Izaak Walton League* – monies to select conservation and/or environmental books from Bookfinders. This generous gift helps us maintain a collection of current wildlife books.

Students are interested in the animal tracks, mammals, fish, birds wildflowers, and trees in our community. Maintaining an up-to-date collection of these resources can be a challenge.

That is why support from organizations like the Izaak Walton League is so valuable to schools. Having targeted funds to select books for students is helpful. In 2008, this gift was used to select books that are specifically about wildlife in Wisconsin.

**Birds of Wisconsin Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela (2004).** Learn about and identify birds using Stan Tekiela's state-by-state field guides. The full-page, color photos are incomparable and include insets of winter plumage, color morphs and more. Plus, with the easy-to-use format, you don't need to know a bird's name or classification in order to easily find it in the book. Using this field guide is a real pleasure. It's a great way for anyone to learn about the birds in your state.

**Fish of Wisconsin Field Guide, by Dave Bosanko (2007).** It's here: the perfect gift for fishermen! No tackle box is complete without this handy guide to fish in your state. In fact, this might be the best catch of the season! The book features more than 70 of the most important fish to know, with entries organized by family, state-specific facts, quick

### America's Oldest Conservation Group

Founded in 1922, the *Izaak Walton League* is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations. With a powerful grassroots network of nearly 300 local chapters nationwide, the League takes a common-sense approach towards protecting our country's natural heritage and improving outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. The chapter in Stevens Point honors *Bill Cook*.

The Izaak Walton League was formed to save outdoor America for future generations. The League's founders, who were avid anglers, chose to name the organization after Izaak Walton, the 17th century author of *The Complete Angler*, one of the most famous books on fishing. Almost every major, successful conservation program that America has in place today can be traced directly to a League activity or initiative.

The environment is everyone's issue. America deserves a better, stronger commitment to finding smart solutions that are good for the environment and economy at the same time. Izaak Walton League is proud that its unique blend of community conservation and advocacy for common-sense conservation policy has positioned them as a voice of reason in the various debates over access, habitat and species protection, clean air and water, wetlands, renewable energy, public lands, and many other issues.

Throughout more than three hundred communities, their chapters advance the mission of the Izaak Walton League - restoring watersheds, reducing air pollution, fighting litter, protecting wildlife habitat and open spaces, and instilling conservation ethics in outdoor recreationists. The Izaak Walton League leads with optimism, spirit, and shares a vision for a better outdoor America. All Americans benefit from their good work.

comparisons for easy identification, waterproof pages and more!

**Mammals of Wisconsin Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela (2005).** We all know a bear or a moose when we see one, but what about the difference between a wolf and a coyote? A mole and a shrew? A muskrat and a beaver? This field guide includes all of the mammals in your state with four pages per mammal and plenty of details. Features include state-specific range maps, entries organized by family and size, detailed naturalist information and more!

**Trees of Wisconsin, by Stan Tekiela (2002).** Tree identification can be easy and enjoyable for everyone! This field guide features professional, full-page photos and comprehensive, accessible information about each tree's leaves or

needles, bark, mature size, fall color, state-specific range map and more. The author's notes include helpful identification tips and interesting facts. The book covers more than 100 common trees and is a great size for use in the field.

**Wildflowers of Wisconsin Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela (2000).** A field guide to hundreds of the state's beautiful wildflowers! Full-page photos and descriptions make this a great guide for beginners and a terrific gift. The material is easily understood by those with no botanical background but also includes important, accurate information useful to those more familiar with plants. This user-friendly field guide is organized by color and size.