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## Resources from the Wisconsin Valley Library Service

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### Learning Express Library 7/31 Updated: Database Spotlight

Have you checked out the [Learning Express Library](http://wvls.org) lately? LLE includes learning centers dedicated to: career exploration and preparation, college prep, high school equivalency, adult learning, *and resources in Spanish*. All ages can build skills in reading writing and math in learning centers separated by levels: elementary, middle, high school, high school equivalency and more.

Browse the WVLS flier for [library staff](#) or for [library patrons](#).

**Contest! Email a screenshot of career resources for becoming a police officer in LLE to [comm.coordinator@wvls.org](mailto:comm.coordinator@wvls.org) to win a prize for your library staff!**

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### Now Accepting Fall WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant Applications

Do you have a burning idea for an innovative library program or service? WVLS is accepting applications for the fall cycle of the Innovation and Collaboration Grant through August 31st. The [WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant](#) is a competitive grant



awarded to a member library to develop and implement a service for its community that is innovative and collaborative. **Need ideas?** Browse proposals from past grant winners or listen to Director Michelle Gobert present [Crandon Public Library's 2016-2017 Innovation and Collaboration Grant project](#). Find the [full grant description and application](#).

## Dates to Know

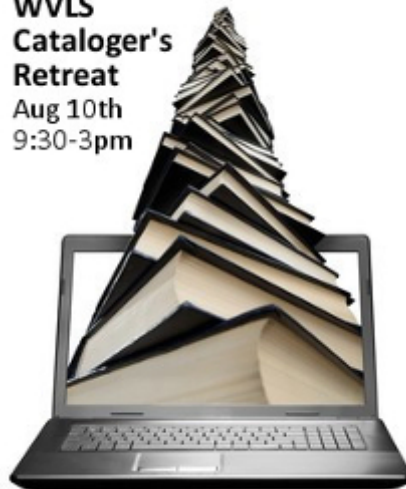
Webinars are made possible through a partnership with [NFLS](#).

### Has Your Library RSVP'd for the WVLS Cataloger's Retreat?

Workshop, Aug 10 @ 9:30-3pm

For all WVLS member library cataloging staff. [Registration information and agenda](#). RSVPs to Chris Luebbe at [chris.luebbe@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:chris.luebbe@co.marathon.wi.us) by August 7th.

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### Emerging Issues in Intellectual Freedom

Webinar, Aug 4 @ 1pm

Join ALA's Freedom to Read

Foundation for an overview of intellectual freedom topics: Privatizing government functions, Guns in libraries, Net neutrality, Fake news and fake information and more.

[Registration and information](#).

### Developing Inclusive Library Services for Teens with Disabilities

Webinar, Sep 20 @ 10am

Renee Grassi will discuss developing a plan to welcome teens with disabilities into



your library. Attendees will learn: collections and technologies, innovative programs ideas, and suggestions for outreach and forging partnerships in the community. Sponsored by Minitex. [Registration and information.](#) View [all WVLS webinar recordings](#) and access activity sheets.



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## News From WVLS Libraries

### Sidewalk Chalk Contest!

#### Frances L Simek Memorial Library, Medford

The F.L. Simek Memorial Library's first [Sidewalk Chalk Coloring Contest](#). Wednesday August 9, 2017 from 10AM-Noon, Judging at 1PM. Sign up yourself or team today at the library! All Ages! Prizes!  
(Rain date August 10)



### Happy Retirement Mary Dunn!

Congratulations to former Tomahawk Public Library Director Mary Dunn will retire in early August. A message from Mary: "Thank you for all the beautiful sentiments and wishes. It has been a pleasure serving the community of Tomahawk."

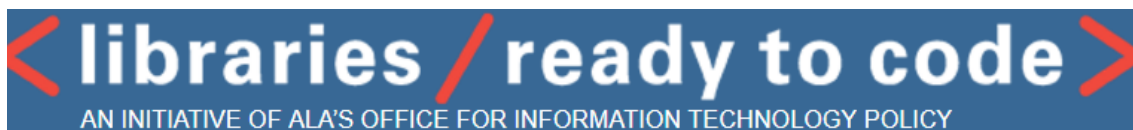
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## Resources You Should Know About



## Introducing Book Club Central from ALA

[Book Club Central](#)—a new ALA initiative for book clubs and their readers—has officially launched and is ready to share with libraries and patrons! Book Club Central is an online one-stop-shop for book clubs, featuring everything from author interviews to book recommendations and reviews, as well as discussion questions and tips about how to start and moderate a book club. Honorary Chair Sarah Jessica Parker announced the first Book Club Central read—[No One Is Coming to Save Us](#) by Stephanie Powell Watts. [More information.](#)



## Get Your Library Ready to Code: Libraries Ready to Code ALA Grant

[Apply now for a Libraries Ready to Code grant from ALA.](#) The grant program, sponsored generously by Google, will fund a cohort of school and public libraries to design computational thinking and computer science programs for and with youth, including underrepresented youth. A total of 25-50 grants up to \$25,000 each are available. Info session August 1; grant deadline August 31. [More information.](#)

**Coming Soon!**  
**WVLS Cataloging Day August 10th**  
**WVLS Innovation & Collaboration Grant Application**  
**Deadline August 31st**  
**WVLS Director's Retreat October 5th**

## We'd love to hear from you!

Comments or questions? Is there something awesome happening at your library? Email Anne Hamland at [comm.coordinator@wvls.org](mailto:comm.coordinator@wvls.org).

