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Resources from the Wisconsin Valley Library Service

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An Inclusive Technology:

*Bring Virtual Reality to
Your Library for Less than \$20*



An Inclusive Technology: Google Cardboard

Libraries can use this technology to bring fun and educational experiences from far away places to all library users. Ages 7 to 100 welcome! [Google Cardboard](#) glasses are an affordable virtual reality option with free content operated by a free app. Talk about an inclusive service! [Read the full post.](#)

Dates to Know

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



Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference

19 Webinars, January 23-25, 2018

The [Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#) is a virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System and supported by WVLS and all of the library systems in Wisconsin.

Nineteen 60-minute web presentations, focusing on the needs of public libraries, will be over three blustery January days.

Anyone, in any library, of any size, can participate in the 6th annual web conference!

First, thank you for coordinating this incredible fun conference, jam-packed with info and resources.

It has been for several years, one of the highlights of my winter work life.

- Toni Streckert, Monona Public Library



Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE) Meetup!

January 23, 11-2pm, Stetsonville

Youth services librarians are invited to meet for a working lunch to discuss "Libraries Rock" summer reading ideas, teen summer programs, and WVLS youth services.

What new things are you trying? Did you have a big hit with the teens? Anne Hamland will bring a brainstorming idea list created by youth librarians from the Indianhead Federated Library System. Questions and RSVPs to Anne Hamland at ahamland@wvls.org.

New from WVLS Libraries



After Hours Readers Apps

Neillsville Public Library

What does the program look like? We have new adult/youth print and audiovisual materials displayed on a table. Adults can check out those items right then, no holds/no wait lists. We work with a local business to bring in food. Our first one the food was donated, and the second they included a little extra since we bought so much.

How is the program funded? We are very fortunate to have a foundation to fully fund this. Perhaps a library without a foundation could pitch a spiel for donated food/discount, or do a suggested donation from patrons, or host the event twice a year instead of every other month as we've settled on.

Rave reviews! Attendance is amazing! This is our only event where sign-up is required, because I'm limited the number of people I can have in after hours. The first time around it was all regulars. This time there were mainly regulars; however, those regulars also brought friends/spouses, so staff got to promote the library to new people. We received so many thank you's and complements. It is by far our most attended and successful event we've done so far.

Up next for Neillsville: a hands-on master cheese class



Resources You Should Know About



Diversify Me! and Diverse Books and BadgerLink

Jenni Frencham, YSS Member and Youth Services Director at the Columbus Public Library, presented an excellent and informative session at WLA in October called "Diversify Me! Incorporating Diverse Titles into Your Collections, Displays and

Programming.” As you consider adding diverse selections, BadgerLink is a fabulous tool for selecting new titles. [Read the full post](#) for resources and slides from Frencham's presentation and BadgerLink.



Coming Soon!

**Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE) Jan 23 @ 11-2pm
Stetsonville**

[ALA Youth Media Awards](#) announced Feb 12 @ 8am

Children's Book Fest Mar 6&7 in Rhineland

We'd love to hear from you!

Comments or questions? Is there something awesome happening at your library? Email Anne Hamland at ahamland@wvls.org.



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