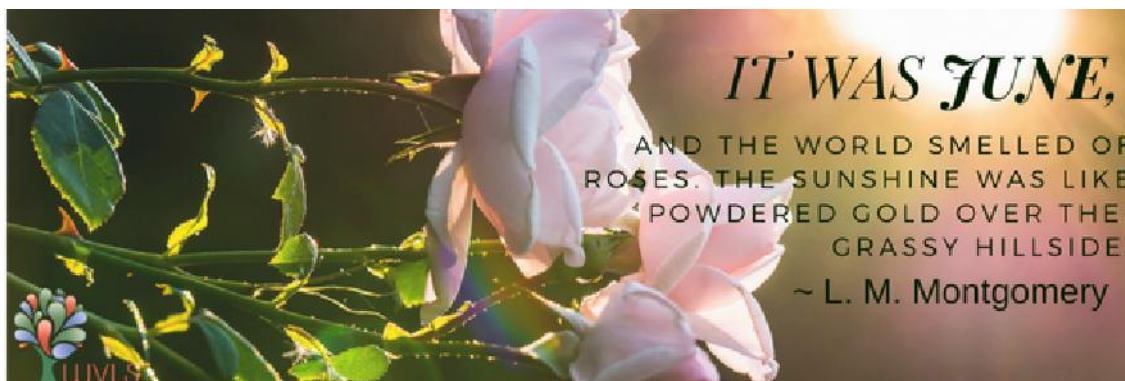


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### Tech Days Coming This Fall



Wisconsin librarians will have 6 opportunities to attend Tech Days workshops this year – it's going statewide!

**Save the dates:**

Tech Days West:

Sep 18: WITC, Rice Lake

Sep 19: Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

Sep 20: Comfort Suites, Black River Falls

Tech Days East:

Sep 25: Fitchburg Public Library, Madison area

Sep 26: Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton

Sep 27: Franklin Public Library, Milwaukee area

Immerse yourself in a full day of technology trends, networking, break out sessions, and more.

Guest speaker at Tech Days West: [Laura Solomon](#)

Guest speaker at Tech Days East: [Jason Griffey](#)

More details and registration forms coming at the end of July.

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## 10 Things You Now Know About...Annette Miller



Annette Miller is the Children's Librarian at the Tomahawk Public Library. Soon she will be celebrating her 16th anniversary in her position. You might know Annette or maybe have seen her at a system children's event.

Here are 10 Things You Now Know About Her:

- 1) The last book I read in a day was: *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- 2) Vanilla or chocolate: Chocolate
- 3) The cutest thing a child has said to me in the library is: After reading to a 4K class, one of the students asked her teacher, "Can we keep her?"
- 4) Favorite TV show: Grey's Anatomy (guilty pleasure)
- 5) The last movie I saw in the theater was: Avengers – Infinity War
- 6) Which would you rather do: wash dishes, vacuum, or clean the bathroom?  
vacuum
- 7) Who is your hero? His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama
- 8) If I didn't work at a library, I probably would be\_\_\_\_\_ ? Working in an office or in retail
- 9) What song do you know by heart? *You Are My Sunshine* (love music, do not remember lyrics)
- 10) What is something that instantly brightens your day? Reading to a group of kids and having them say "again!" when I'm finished.



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## Library Pins Rock!



You more than likely all have plenty of ideas for your summer programs and the Libraries Rock! theme.

Just in case you are still looking for more, the Fort Scott Public Library in Kansas has done a great job of pinning ideas on where else...Pinterest!

Over 400 pins are shared with ideas of crafts, snacks, activities and books. I thought the veggies in the shape of a musical note is adorable as a healthy library snack.

The board on Pinterest is called ["Libraries Rock! Summer Reading 2018."](#) Anne Hamland at WVLS also has pinned [several items on her account](#), relating to the theme.

If you do not have a current [Pinterest](#) account (it's free), you can sign on with your Google account or Facebook account.

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## Medford Hosts Family Science Night



On May 10, the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library (Medford) hosted a "Family Science Night" for the entire community.

Students from the Medford Area Middle School and Holy Rosary School worked at 15 different stations, providing science experiments and hands-on learning for the public. The library had 356 people attend this collaborative event.

The activities that were brought into the library were: lava lamp making, fossils, oobleck, owls, elephant toothpaste, volcanoes, microscopes, and many more. It was an wonderful event between the library and community partners, and they are hoping it happens in the future.

For information on this event, contact library director Erika Clarkson at 715-748-2505, or [director@medford.lib.wi.us](mailto:director@medford.lib.wi.us).

## Inga Witscher Coming to Thorp



Inga Witscher, from the PBS show, *Around the Farm Table*, will be at the Thorp Public Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 23. This program is sponsored by the School District of Thorp Community Service Fund.

"Clark County is rural, and has a lot of agriculture," said Julie Beloungy, Director of the Thorp Public Library. "I thought this would be of interest to a lot of people. Our gardening section is very popular, and we have a lot of local businesses that are part of this farm-to-table trend."

A passionate dairy farmer, Inga owns and operates a small organic dairy farm near Osseo, Wisconsin. When she's not setting up pastures for their cows to graze,



milking the 15 Jerseys, making cheese with her father, or indulging her passions for gardening and cooking, Inga collaborates with her team to develop narratives for *Around the Farm Table*.

Inga will be sharing a recipe and talking about her show. The program should be fun and interesting for everyone, Beloungy said.

For more information on this event, contact Julie Beloungy at 715-669-5953, or [director@thorppubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@thorppubliclibrary.org).

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## Listening Session Success

The first WVLS Listening Session of 2018 was held at the Colby Community Library on May 8.

Several WVLS member library directors gathered for a tour of the new library, and then an informal session of questions and comments for WVLS staff.



"I thought the session was really great, " said Kyle Schulz, WVLS ILS Administrator. "We were able to receive feedback in a relaxed way. The librarians had the ability to 'workshop' problems and ask others for advice. This makes Listening Sessions a unique forum to answer questions with your peers."

The next two Listening Sessions for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, August 7, at the Crandon Public Library, and on Tuesday, November 13 at the Westboro Public Library. Save the dates!

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