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**Happy Valentine's Day from the V-Cat Crew!**

Taken at the V-Cat Council meeting February 2, 2017.



## Fake News Resources

Intentionally fraudulent websites, re-tweeted inaccuracies, we all live through fake news. Please find resources for libraries and educators to use in helping patrons identify "fake news." [Fake News Resources for Libraries.](#)

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### Early Literacy Kits Now Available!

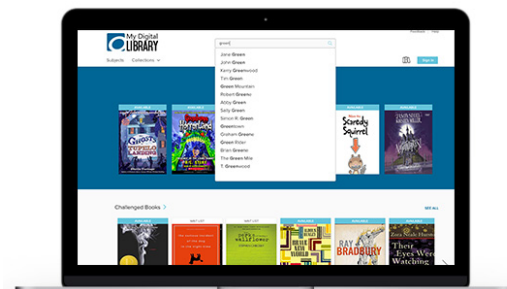
[Early Literacy Kits](#) are now available to WVLS libraries through a partnership with Indianhead Federated Library System! These kits can be booked through Lend-Items, the same website WVLS and IFLS libraries use to book makerspace kits.

Contact your local library to [book kits for your library or organization today.](#)

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### OverDrive Tip:

Ask if a patron uses OverDrive before deleting old library card information. Library staff need to merge the patron's holds and bookshelf information in OverDrive from the old card with the new card number using OverDrive Marketplace. Learn more about [merging patron barcodes](#).



Merge patron barcodes by using OverDrive Marketplace.

## Dates To Know

Webinars made possible through a WVLS/NLFS Partnership.

### PLSR Town Hall Meeting: Delivery & eResources Models

Webinar, February

14 @12noon. [Connect to the meeting here.](#) Browse the [PLSR website here.](#)

### The All-Generation Library

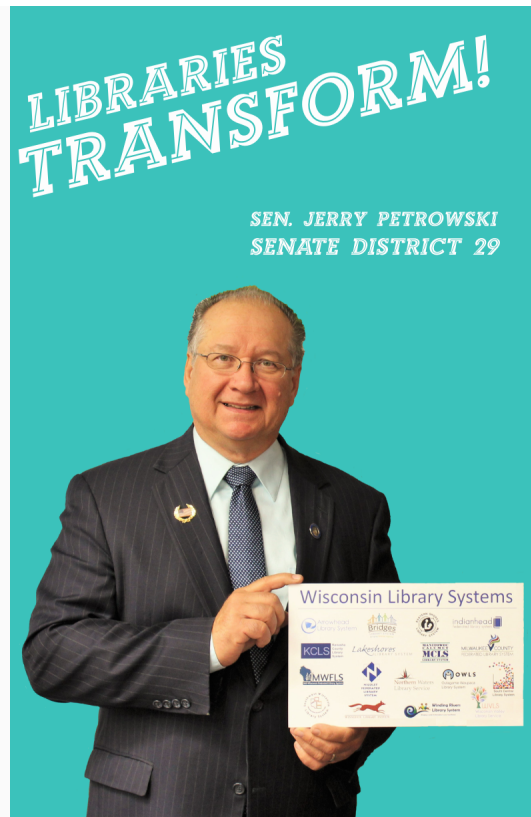
Webinar, February 16 @1pm. How can libraries best serve and be served by older adults, and how can that create

vibrant communities? [Registration and description.](#)

### **WI Library Legislative Day**

February 21st. Have you called or written to your representatives lately? Invite them to your library programs! [WVLS Legislators by County.](#)

[National Library Week](#) is April 9-15



## **Scholarship and Grant Opportunities**



### **Grant: Ezra Jack Keats Foundation**

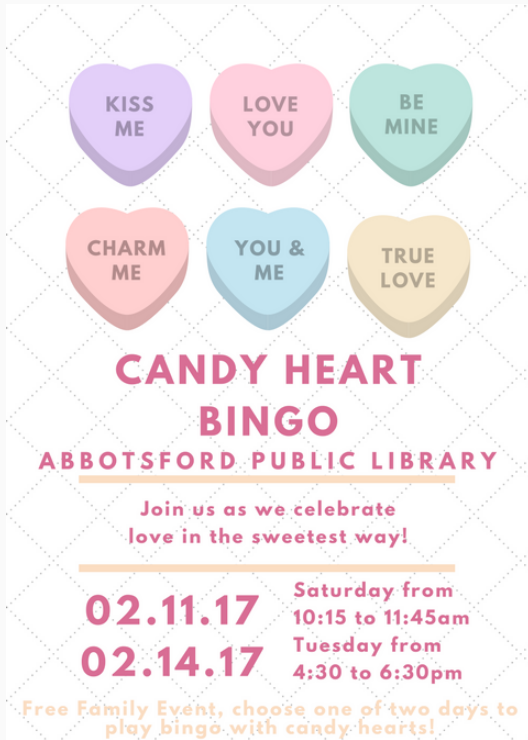
Apply before March 31st, 2017 for a [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#) mini-grant worth up to \$500! The EJK Mini-Grant offers up to \$500 for libraries to design and implement a creative program. [Learn more about the grant.](#)



### **Scholarship: Coding Together, Learning Together**

The WI DPI Dept. of Public Instruction is offering scholarships for 20 library staff to participate in the online professional development course, "Coding Together, Learning Together" as part of the [Coding Initiative in Wisconsin Public Libraries](#). Scholarship [information and application](#).

## WVLS Library Programs



A poster for a Candy Heart Bingo event at Abbotsford Public Library. It features six colorful hearts with phrases: "KISS ME" (purple), "LOVE YOU" (pink), "BE MINE" (teal), "CHARM ME" (red), "YOU & ME" (blue), and "TRUE LOVE" (yellow). The text reads: "CANDY HEART BINGO", "ABBOTSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY", "Join us as we celebrate love in the sweetest way!", "02.11.17 Saturday from 10:15 to 11:45am", "02.14.17 Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30pm", and "Free Family Event, choose one of two days to play bingo with candy hearts!"

Colby Public Library  
Service Projects 2017  
BUILDING COMMUNITY  
THROUGH THE AGES



**Maddie Thums' Memorial Sew-a-thon**  
**March 3, 2017**  
**1:00-10:00 p.m.**

In the Colby City Hall Community Room

We need sewers, pressers, and general helpers.

Please bring sewing machines and notions if possible.

Dinner (5:30 p.m.) provided (meatless entrees available)

\*Fabric provided by Thrivent Financial.  
\*Dinner provided by Forward Financial.



Sew Flannel Blankets for  
St. Joseph Hospital Birth Center

Sew Tag Blankets for St.  
Joseph Hospital Pediatrics



### Alert: New Tax Season Scam

Scammers are combining two scams. First, they ask you to send them the W-2 forms of all employees, their email looks like it comes from the CEO of your company. Next, they follow up with an urgent request to transfer a large sum of money to a bank account.

Stay alert, think before you click, verify email or document requests. [Learn more about the scam and resources for scam victims.](#)

## 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).



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