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Coming Up Next Week: January 23-25, 2018

The [Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#) will be over three blustery January days. It's a virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System and supported by WVLS and all of the library systems in Wisconsin. Nineteen web presentations, focusing on the needs of public libraries, will be presented.

Session Tracks include:

- Library Leadership
- Small & Mighty
- Tech Trends
- Organizational Services
- Youth Services

[Register](#) Today!

Library Legislative Day



This year's Library Legislative Day is Tuesday, February 20, at the Concourse Hotel in Madison.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m., with legislative appointments running in the morning and afternoon.

To register and/or to reserve a hotel room, [visit the information page on the WLA website](#).



Welcome, Jamie!

Jamie Matczak is the newest member of the WVLS team.

Previously, Jamie worked for the Nicolet Federated Library System in Green Bay. Before working in the library profession, she was an academic advisor at Lakeland University's Green Bay Center, advising adults earning bachelor's degrees.

In her role at WVLS, Jamie will be focusing on continuing education, marketing, training, social media, inclusive service, multi-type, certification and more.

When she isn't working, Jamie enjoys baking, teaching fitness classes, playing with her dog, Bailey, and traveling. She has visited nearly 40 countries and will be traveling to parts of Germany and Poland in March.

She is excited to be part of the WVLS family and is looking forward to meeting the members in the system.

New in Inclusive Services



The Public Library Development Team is proud to announce the **inaugural Inclusive Services Institute**.

The Inclusive Services Institutes is a professional development and workgroup opportunity for Wisconsin public library and regional system staff who are committed to making Wisconsin libraries more inclusive to all community members and potential library users. The Institute will offer reflective learning experiences on topics of equity and social justice. Participants will work on small teams to develop tools for a new statewide resource. The [Inclusive Services Statement](#) from the Division of Libraries and Technology will provide the foundation for the Institute content and workgroup efforts.

2018 Inclusive Services Institute
March 12-14, 2018 and August 12-14, 2018
Madison, Wisconsin

There is no fee for Institute participants; the costs are covered through an LSTA grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) administered by the Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

Applications are due by Tuesday, February 6, 2018 through the [online application](#) process. Sixteen applicants will be selected, preferably representing all 16 public library systems. If necessary, a waiting list will be maintained.

All applicants will be notified by mid-February.

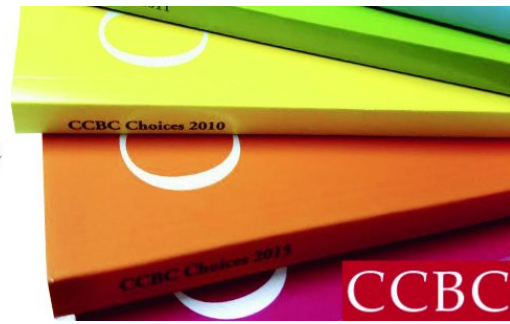
[Here is the link to the application.](#)

For questions about this information, contact
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Things You Should Know

Children's Book Fest & Grassroots Gathering

March 6 & 7 | Rhinelander, WI



The Children's Book Fest and Grassroots Gathering is a two-day event you don't want to miss!

Librarians, teachers, parents, and the public interested in learning about the best books for young people are invited to attend the event in Rhinelander.

You will be the first to see the [Children's Cooperative Book Center's \(CCBC\)](#) recommended and award-winning children's and youth books published in 2017. Here is your chance to gather with your peers to discuss the best in youth literature.

WVLS will host the 2018 Grassroots Gathering of librarians serving youth from 1:30-3pm on March 7th following the Book Fest. Join us for discussion and provide feedback for future youth services.

For more information on the event and [to register](#), check out the [WVLS blog post](#).

We'd love to hear from you!

Comments or questions? Is there something awesome happening at your library? Email Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org.



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