

The world's favorite season
is the spring.

**ALL THINGS SEEM
POSSIBLE IN MAY.**

~ Edwin Way Teale



Innovation & Collaboration Grant Available

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is offering a competitive grant to a member library to develop and implement a service for their community that is both innovative and collaborative. The relevant aspects of the grant and, ultimately, of the new service are *innovation, collaboration, value to the community and sustainability*.

Total funds available for a grant project ranges from \$1,000 -\$10,000. Multiple grant applications may be funded if the total for those grants is less than \$10,000.

Find the eligibility requirements and application form here: [WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant 2018](#)

The deadline to apply is Friday, May 25. [View the Application Form](#)

Questions about the grant, application process and completed applications may be directed to Jamie Matczak at 920-455-0668 or jmatczak@wvls.org.

May Events at the Rhinelander District Library



May (hopefully) is full of Spring flowers and new programs at the Rhinelander District Library.

Monday, May 7, 6 p.m. will feature **Professor Joe Salmon**, talking with participating audience members about Wisconsin English, courtesy of the UW Speaker's Bureau.

Friday, May 11, 9-5:30 and & Saturday May 12, 9-12:30 is **RDLs semi-annual book sale**--just in time for Mother's (and Graduation and Father's) Day.

All proceeds go to the library--so come and shop!

Upcoming Events in Neillsville

Neillsville Public Library

FREE MAY EVENTS

DIY BOOK PLANTERS

Tuesday, May 8th

All day

Make a succulent book planter at the library. Succulents courtesy of Emille Fleischmann. Sign up in library

WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER AUTHOR VISIT

Saturday, May 19th

9:30 am

Come meet and greet Midwest author William Kent Krueger at the Neillsville Public Library!

PET VISIT

Wednesday, May 23rd

3:30 pm

Come meet and greet animals from the Clark County Humane Society. Cuddles and stories are encouraged!

ADULT COLORING

Monday, May 28th

All Day

Come de-stress and color all day at the library. Tea and snacks by Roni Kaczor-Smith!

Recent Scholarship Winners

Congrats to the following WVLS librarians who were recently awarded scholarships!

WLA Membership/Professional Development Scholarship

In 2018, WVLS is offering three scholarships for WVLS member library support staff, or new, first-time library directors.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide WVLS new directors and support staff the opportunity to attend a Wisconsin Library Association-sponsored conference to enhance professional development. Within three months of the conference, scholarship winners will be expected to conduct a 30-minute web presentation on what they learned and how this can be applied to their library role. Scholarship winners are also provided with a one-year membership to WLA.



The scholarship winners for 2018 are:

Dominic Frandrup, Antigo Public Library
(WAPL Conference)

Teresa Miniatt, Withee Public Library (WLA
Conference)

Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library
(WLA Conference)

"Library conferences enable librarians to remain relevant and innovative in their field. I am excited to be attending this year's WLA conference, which will present many opportunities for inspiration and motivation," said Teresa Miniatt.

ARSL Conference Scholarship

In 2018, WVLS is offering scholarships for directors or branch managers of a member public library to attend the [Association of Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\) Conference](#). The conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois from

September 13-15. The ARSL conference is specifically targeted for rural library staff.

The scholarship winners for 2018 are:

Theresa Hall, Loyal Public Library

Cara Hart, Neillsville Public Library

"I've heard more than once that the ARSL Conference is so beneficial to attend," said Theresa Hall. "I've also been told that I'll love it, so I'm excited to see for myself. I'm thankful that WVLS decided to offer scholarships. My board is thankful that I'm able to attend while not affecting our budget. It's a win-win no matter how you look at it."

WVLS Listening Session on May 8

9 - 9:30 a.m. - Library Tour

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - WVLS Listening Session

We invite WVLS member library directors or a proxy to have a conversation and ask questions of WVLS staff.



These are informal sessions where we want to hear your comments and concerns about WVLS services, trends in libraries, or anything else on your mind.

If you are interested in a group tour of the new library, please plan on arriving at 9 a.m.

Please RSVP to Jamie Matczak if you plan on attending.

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Temporary Location for Demmer



In March 2018, the Demmer Memorial Library took the huge leap of moving the library out of the 1971 building, so it can receive a renovation.

Now, the Demmer Library is at a temporary location during the renovation in the former Choo Choo Store ("storefront location"), located in downtown Three Lakes, 1805 Superior Street.



They are open with normal hours, the same phone number, and the same services.

Interior work at the former location has now begun, with a ground "re-breaking" ceremony at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

The renovated library is expected to be ready in December.

Want something featured in the June newsletter or are you doing something in your library that you want to share? Contact Jamie @ jmatczak@wvls.org.

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