



1. Input from Trustees, Friends and Foundation Members Wanted

United for Libraries is working with the ALA Emerging Leaders program to identify possible service on library boards. Feedback from current and past Trustees, Friends, Foundation staff/board, and others will be extremely helpful in recognizing common issues that current and past board members encounter, and in the brainstorming on how to alleviate any issues. [Visit the United for Libraries site](#) to fill out the survey.

2. Innovation and Collaboration Grant Applications Due Friday

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 application deadline is Friday, May 25.

[More information is available on the WVLS website.](#)

3. Reminder for Public Libraries to Contact County Clerks by July 1

According to Wis. Stat. 43.12, a public library seeking reimbursement for nonresident circulations must submit invoices to the clerks in home and adjacent counties by **July 1, 2018**. In turn, the adjacent county must pay the library at least 70% of the cost for that service by **March 1, 2019**. Spreadsheets and information regarding Act 150 and Act 420 county reimbursements was shared with member libraries in early March and [placed on the WVLS website](#).

Please feel free to contact Marla Sepnafski (msepnafski@wvls.org) for additional information or assistance.

4. Recent *Digital Lites* Posts

- [Electronic Databases Worth Knowing](#)
- [WPLC Annual Meeting Update](#)

5. Future Conferences & Professional Development

- **Mental Health Matters** [provides workshops and trainings](#) with over 20 partnering organizations in Chippewa and Eau Claire counties that aim to improve mental well-being for middle and school youth.
- **Peer Council 2018** is the yearly assembly of librarians involved with and interested in library technical services hosted by WiLS. This year it will be on Monday, June 4, from 9:30-3 pm at the Madison Public Library. Cost is \$50. [Register and more info](#).

6. Public Library Director Certification Fall Courses and Scholarships

Continuing Education Services at the UW-Madison iSchool announces a scholarship for Wisconsin library directors currently taking certification courses. Three scholarships are available for Fall 2018. They will cover the entire cost of one certification course (\$415) each of the three winners. The application deadline is August 15. [Visit the iSchool website](#) to view the courses, and for more scholarship information.

7. Statewide News & Resources

- **Growing Wisconsin Readers** was a 2013-2016 statewide initiative rooted in public libraries that supported Wisconsin caregivers of young children with information about early literacy in order to prepare children for learning at school and beyond. The print materials created for this initiative are attractive and relevant. [The materials are available](#) in English, Hmong and Spanish. We have a range of quantities available for each item in each language, on a first come, first serve basis. To request materials for your public library, please [visit this form](#).
Submitted by Tessa Michaelson Schmidt, Public Library Youth and Inclusive Services Consultant
- **Taping & ILL Materials:** Charles Clemence of the Winding Rivers Library System recently wrote a blog post called [To Tape or Not to Tape](#) on the *WI Libraries are for Everyone* blog.
- **Are you looking to add books to your summer reading list** that are written by people of color? People with disabilities or LGBTQ? [We're the People has a list](#) that celebrates diversity and all of its intersections.
- The Wisconsin DPI is currently working with the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) to complete a Request for Bid process designed to license Collections many content areas to be provided through BadgerLink. All BadgerLink resources will be updated as of July 1, 2018, according to the awards resulting from the procurement process. [Read More](#).
- The **Funding and Cost Standards Subcommittee** for PLSR [has completed a systematic review](#) and organization of the 2017 revenue sources and budget data for each of the 16 library systems.

Have a great week!

