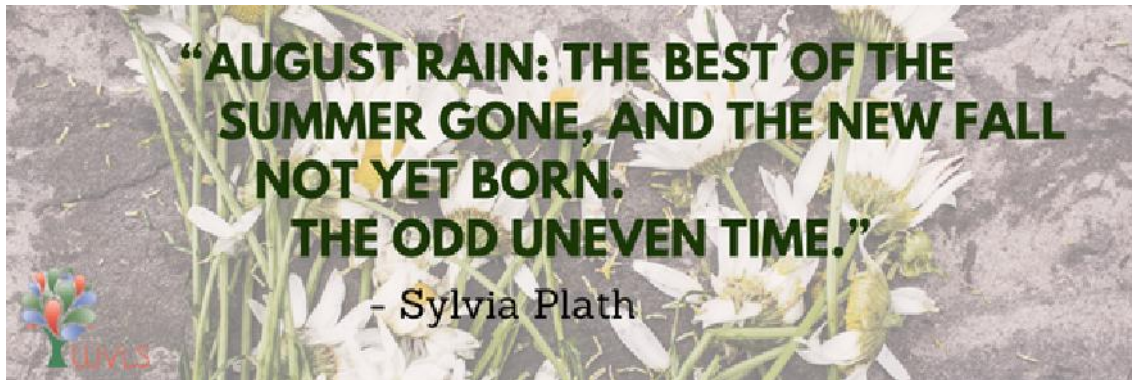


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"Tech Days" Approaching in September

A promotional graphic for Tech Days Workshops. The background is a light gray with a faint image of a laptop keyboard and a white paper. The text is centered and reads: "SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2018" in a small, dark font. Below this is "TECH DAYS" in large, bold, black letters, followed by "WORKSHOPS" in even larger, bold, black letters. Underneath, the locations "RICE LAKE WAUSAU BLACK RIVER FALLS" are listed in bold, black letters. A horizontal line of 15 blue dots separates the locations from the bottom text. At the bottom, it says "Registration is now open!" in a bold, red font.

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2018

TECH DAYS WORKSHOPS

RICE LAKE WAUSAU BLACK RIVER FALLS

Registration is now open!



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Immerse yourself in a full day of technology trends, networking, break-out sessions, and more. You, your staff, and trustees are invited to attend any of the three workshops.

[Workshops will be held in three locations](#), with one in Wausau being held on September 19.

The morning presentation, “Trends and Tools,” at each workshop location features [Laura Solomon](#), followed by a variety of break-out sessions and networking opportunities.

The deadline to register for all locations is Wednesday, September 12.

For more information on the Tech Days Workshops, contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.

The Tech Days Workshops are sponsored by: Indianhead Federated Library System, Northern Waters Library Service, Winding Rivers Library System, and Wisconsin Valley Library Service, with support from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Public Library Development Team, and funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Wisconsin DOA TEACH.

Owen and Withee Receive Books from Library of Congress



In February, former Owen resident Helen Vater Blaha approached library directors Teresa Miniatt of Withee and Lorelee Petersen of Owen and asked if she could represent their

libraries in the [Library of Congress](#) Surplus Books Program.

The libraries had to apply and be accepted into the program. In addition, a representative had to go to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. to choose the books. Sue Vater Olson, Helen's daughter, is the director of the Scandinavia Public Library. Sue went to Washington D.C. to choose books for her library, and Helen went along to choose books on behalf of Owen and Withee.

"Ms. Blaha and Ms. Olson did a super job of selecting great, new books for our collection," said Lorelee Peterson. "The Withee Library is placing the books cataloged so far in a display near the young adult fiction."

Without the help of Helen Vater Blaha and Sue Vater Olson, Owen and Withee would not have been able to participate in the program. The libraries are also grateful to the staff of Wisconsin 7th District Representative Sean Duffy, who arranged to have the boxes of books "franked." This means the books could be sent as congressional mail and at no cost to the libraries.

For more information on this program, you can contact Lorelee at director@owen.lib.wi.us or Teresa at director@witheelibrary.org.

Congratulations to Owen and Withee!

Jan Baer Celebrated in Rhinelander



On Tuesday, June 17, a celebration was held at the Rhinelander District Library to celebrate the retirement of Jan Baer. Baer started on the board in 1988 and served as the president from 1990 to 2017.

Baer was also honored as "Trustee of the Year" in 1996 by the Wisconsin Library Association. For many years, she represented Wisconsin Valley Library Service as a trustee. In total, she served Oneida County libraries for 47 years.

Although she is retiring from the Library Board, Baer will continue to be involved at the library. She plans to stay on the Building Committee with hopes of expanding the library in the future.

Pictured above are, left to right:

Kris Adams Wendt of Wisconsin Valley Library Service, Jan Baer, and Heather Eldred, former director of Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

Congratulations, and Thank You, Jan!

Karaoke Machines a Big Summer Hit



In May, WVLS added Karaoke Machines to its Lend-It Items for libraries to check out for up to 2 weeks in the summer and 28 days throughout the year.

"The idea was brought up at a YSIE (Youth Services Information Exchange) Meeting," said Anne Hamland, public library services consultant at WVLS. "Many of the attendees expressed an interest in sharing a kit or purchasing their own."

The response to the kits has been positive. Songs can be played via CD or digitally with a USB Memory Stick. Performances can also be recorded and shared on social media.

"The Karaoke Machine is great!," said Jenny Jochimsen, director of the Abbotsford Public Library. "We used the Disney CDs that came with it and had a blast."

"If your library is interested in booking a karaoke machine, create an account to reserve makerspace kits. Learn more on the [Makerspace & Equipment page](#) on the WVLS website."

August Listening Session

Our next WVLS Listening Session will be from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, at the Crandon Public Library.

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.

Refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to Jamie Matczak if you plan on attending at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.

Fall Professional Development Available at the iSchool



Registration is open for professional development classes this fall from the iSchool at UW-Madison. There is a 10% early bird discount if you register 2 weeks before the class begins.

There are 13 classes available, including:

- Advanced Public Library Administration
- Basic Public Library Administration
- Babies in the Library
- Programming for 'Tweens
- Youth Services 101
- Public and Community Library Services
- NEW! Introduction to Electronic Resource Licensing
- 25 Free Tools for Librarians
- NEW! Online Privacy at Your Library
- NEW! Why Leadership Matters: A Guided Evaluation of Leadership Principals
- Creating Top-Notch Customer Service at Your Library
- Coding Together, Learning Together
- The Disability Community in the Library: Education, Access, and Advocacy

[See the website](#) for more information and to register.

If you have questions, you can contact Anna Palmer at ahpalmer@wisc.edu.

Trustee Training Week Happening This Month

Registration for Trustee Training Week is now open!

Wisconsin Trustee Training Week was developed in 2014 by the Nicolet Federated Library System with the goal of providing high-quality webinars to public library boards, friends, and trustees in Wisconsin.



One webinar will be given at 12 p.m. during the week of August 13-17. The webinars will also be recorded and archived if they are missed.

Speakers this year include: Krista Ross, Christine Hage, Patrick "PC" Sweeney, Shannon Schultz and Jody Hoesly.

You must register for each webinar that you want to attend. Once you register, you will receive a link to sign in on the day the webinar takes place.

For more information on Wisconsin Trustee Training Week, and to register for the webinars, [visit the website](#).

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

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