



1. Sierra Update

I understand the frustration you all must be feeling with the continuation of the Sierra Slowness. The WVLS team will be meeting with Innovative tomorrow to discuss the next course of action. This will include input from other members within Innovative, as this problem has been very hard to pinpoint the root cause. One solution may be an upgrade to Sierra 4.0. More information will come after our meeting with Innovative. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

-Kyle Schultz

2. WVLS Seeks Full-Time PC Support Specialist

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is seeking an innovative, knowledgeable, customer service- and team-oriented individual to provide professional and courteous technical support on computer hardware and software, peripherals, and handheld devices, onsite and remotely, to 36 public library service outlets. Applications received by Friday, July 27, 2018, will receive first consideration.

[See the full announcement](#) and application materials on our website.

3. Upcoming Listening Session in Crandon

The second **WVLS Listening Session of 2018** will be held 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 an informal conversation and ask questions of WVLS Staff. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP with Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.

4. Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot information for the August elections was recently shared with us. Notices are put out by the Wisconsin counties and could be posted in your library.

[Here is an example](#) of the notice for Oneida County. Your local county clerk should be able to supply you with a list of municipal clerks, or you can locate them in [your county's directory, linked her to Oneida County, as an example](#). You can also refer to the [My Vote Wisconsin](#) page for more information about

absentee voting, voter registration, polling place location, and to find out what will be on your ballot on election day.

5. State News and Information

- The [full list of WLA Conference sessions](#) are posted on the website. (See the box on the right to look at what is available each day.) Registration and hotel information will be available soon.
- [See the blog post](#) on “Census 2020- Libraries Can Make it Count” on Wisconsin Libraries are for Everyone.
- [Proposals for the “Power Up Conference”](#) in March 2019 in Madison are due on August 3.
- The latest [OverDrive Big Library Read](#) is available in Wisconsin's Digital Library! [Cowboy Pride by Lacy Williams](#), a "Wild West version of Pride and Prejudice" is a reader-chosen ebook that is available to users now without wait lists through July 23rd. OverDrive has provided [promotional materials](#) to get the word out to your community and a [discussion forum](#) and [interview with the author](#) can also help to engage your readers.

6. National News and Information

- ALA President unveils enriched [ALA-APA Workplace Wellness website](#) via press release
- PLA is offering a [free webinar](#) on “Youth Development and Learning in Rural Communities” at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25.
- The [SLJTeen Live! Virtual Conference](#) will take place on August 15. This free, daylong event will feature high-profile and up-and-coming YA authors talking about their latest titles for teens.

7. Access NewspaperARCHIVE No Longer Available

The BadgerLink Team would like to announce that Access NewspaperARCHIVE is no longer available. This resource had been a part of the BadgerLink contracts that ran through 6/30/2018, and was not awarded for Collection 4: Historic Newspapers, during our recent request for bid process. We are currently working on finalizing contracts for the new BadgerLink resources and will make additional announcements as this process continues. [Read more about the current status.](#)

8. PLSR Update

The PLSR Steering Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17. The full meeting [agenda](#) and call-in information is available.

9. Wisconsin Author Project Deadline Extended (Repeat)

The deadline for submissions to the [Wisconsin Author Project](#) has been extended from June 30th to July 27th. Please email wplc-info@wils.org if you have any questions.