

1. Gale Courses Workshop Set for Oct. 16

The Gale Courses subscription for WVLS member libraries will have a go-live launch date of November 1.

To prepare for this launch, WVLS is offering a "Gale Courses Launch Workshop" from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16 at WVLS. The workshop will also be available via GotoMeeting. <u>See our Digital Lite, for more information and to register.</u>

2. WLA Conference Updates

- Early bird registration for the WLA Conference on Oct. 23-26 in La Crosse is available until Friday, Sept. 28. Register this week if you plan on attending.
- Interested in donating something to the WLA Foundation's Silent Auction for the conference?
 Complete the submission form. Themed baskets, jewelry, yarn & fabric creations, paintings, pottery, products or services, and entertainment packages are just a few of the suggested items.

3. New Britannica and EBSCO Resources Now Available

Drum roll, please: new resources are now available in BadgerLink! We appreciate your patience as we rolled out these new resources after completing the BadgerLink Request for Bid procurement process over the summer. Read More.

4. State Library News

- The Internet Discount Finder, created by the Wisconsin Public Services Commission, can help low-income households find discounted internet service. Discounts are as deep as 80%. Schools and public libraries can play a critical role in promoting the Internet Discount Finder, to help all of their students and library users get internet access at home. Read More.
- This October, OverDrive's <u>Big Library Read</u> returns with <u>The Girl with the Red Balloon</u> by Katherine Locke. The book, which tells the story of sixteen-year-old Ellie Baum as she time

travels to 1988 East Berlin, was selected through a poll taken by OverDrive readers. For two weeks from October 1 – 15, readers can borrow this Young Adult fantasy title without wait lists or holds. To raise awareness of the program for your library, OverDrive has created a <u>marketing</u> <u>suite of materials</u> for you to print out for your library and to share on social media.

- Popup Picks is one of the collections WPLC receives as part of the BiblioBoard experiment. It
 provides unlimited access to hand-curated, award-winning fiction, travel, humor, self-help, graphic
 novels and other ebooks and personal picks from leading expert curators. Titles are available for
 a limited amount of time and then replaced with new "Popup Picks." The newest Popup Picks are
 available now until January.
- Libraries in the Northwoods (including several WVLS member libraries) are using VERAP (Voter Education and Registration Assistance Project) to assist voters. See the article.

5. Recent WI Libraries for Everyone Blog Posts

- Digital eBooks for Students from the Wisconsin Schools Digital Library Consortium
- Flood Resources from State Government
- <u>DPI Inviting Nominations to the LSTA Advisory Committee</u>

6. Annual Youth Services Workshop (Repeat)

The Annual Youth Services Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, at the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau. The focus of the workshop will be on teen librarianship, teen programming, and online safety for kids and teens. Register today.