



1. WVLS Mini-Coach to WLA Conference

WVLS has a 24-passenger mini-coach reserved to attend the WLA conference in La Crosse. WVLS library members and board members can ride in the coach for no charge. The coach will depart Marathon County Public Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and head to the Radisson in La Crosse. The bus will depart from the conference at 12:30 pm on Friday, Oct. 26, and head back to Marathon County Public Library.

If you want to reserve a spot, please let Jamie Matczak know by 12 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17 at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.

2. IMLS Announces Investment of \$8.1 Million to Strengthen America's Libraries

In a press release on August 24, the Institute of Museum and Library Services announced 45 grants totaling \$8,155,005 to support libraries across the country. The awards were made through the FY 2018 second cycle of the [National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program](#) and the [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program](#). The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will provide librarians across the state with the training, partnerships, and tools needed to enhance their knowledge of systems that support patrons who are using the library for workforce development related purposes. [Read the full press release.](#)

3. New Digital Byte

Anne gives a [WVLS website overview](#) in the latest Digital Byte.

4. Social Media Decline

Laura Solomon recently [blogged about social media and its decline in 2018.](#)

5. Overdrive Announcement

Beginning September 4, OverDrive will communicate service issues on <https://status.overdrive.com/>. OverDrive's new status page is available to all staff and end users. You can visit the page at any time to view the status of browsing and searching, signing in, downloading, and reading and/or listening to a book. If services on the OverDrive side are running smoothly, their status will be listed as Operational. If a service is degraded or experiencing an outage, the status will be updated accordingly. To be notified

when issues are posted, you can follow the @OverDriveStatus Twitter account which will be automatically updated, or sign up for alerts via subscription options in the lower right corner of the page.

Please visit the status page and feel free to share this with your staff. Project managers will continue to send service alerts to the WPLC Announcements list and to the Google Support Community.

If you have any questions, please contact wplc-info@wils.org.

6. State News & Information

- The Charlotte Zolotow Symposium: Illuminating Experience, will be held on Saturday, October 13 at the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The CCBC established the annual Charlotte Zolotow Award and the annual Charlotte Zolotow lecture to honor UW Madison alumni and distinguished children's book author and editor Charlotte Zolotow. [Early bird registration is still open.](#)
- Many library media specialists and other educators have spent time this summer creating resources. Share these great ideas with other Wisconsin educators and find more resources by using [WISELearn to Weave Summer Learning Into Fall.](#)

7. WPLC Updates

- Did you know you can send your patrons to <http://widigitallibrary.org/> for all the resources the WPLC offers for Wisconsin readers and writers? OverDrive, BiblioBoard Library, Pressbooks, SELF-e, and the Wisconsin Author Project are all on that page.
- BiblioBoard's [SELF-e Select collection is in OverDrive](#) with no holds or waiting. Check out last week's webinar about it. (Fill out a [brief form here](#) to view the recording.)
- Here are some upcoming training sessions for OverDrive and BiblioBoard:
 - Getting Started with OverDrive (Libby), on September 11th at 1:00 PM ([Register](#))
 - Marketing Your Digital Library to Millennials, on September 19th at 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

8. WLTF Seeks Your Input (Repeat)

The Wisconsin Library Trustees and Friends (WLTF) Division of the Wisconsin Library Association is conducting a survey to gather information about library boards, library Friends organizations and library foundations. The survey will take you less than 10 minutes to complete and will provide WVLS and you with valuable information that you can use to improve the effectiveness of your boards, your Friends and/or foundations. The survey will close on September 24.

We would like to see WVLS libraries well represented in the results. [Please consider spending a few minutes to take the survey.](#)

