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Gale Courses Set to Launch Nov. 1

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Gale Courses Launch Workshop
Tues. Oct. 16, 9:30-12:30pm @ WVLS Headquarters
Overview, how-to materials, & ready-to-use marketing kit

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At its September meeting, the WVLS Board of Trustees approved the 2019 System Plan and Budget, which includes a one-year subscription to Gale Courses. The Gale Courses subscription for WVLS member libraries will have a go-live launch date of November 1.

Join us for a pre-launch workshop to help you and your staff prepare for potential patron questions. We will also share marketing materials that will help you get the word out to your community.

Gale Courses Launch Workshop

Tuesday, October 16

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., WVLS Meeting Room

300 N. 1st St. Wausau

3 contact hours

[Register Here](#) by Monday, October 15. This workshop will be recorded via GotoMeeting and linked to the WVLS website.

Want to attend remotely? Participate via

GotoMeeting: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/974973637222268162>

Welcome, Kiong!



WVLS welcomes its newest member to the team, Kiong Lao!

Kiong is the new PC Support Specialist for WVLS. His role includes providing technical support to staff onsite, as well as to member libraries. So far, Kiong is enjoying the work he is doing at WVLS.

"Librarians are friendly and very nice to work with," he said. "They also have a great amount of knowledge."

Before Kiong worked at WVLS, he did technical support for a windows and doors manufacturing company. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, trying new food, and being outdoors.

Kiong can be reached by email at klao@wvls.org, or by phone at 715-261-7254.

Welcome Kiong!

Gazebo Grand Opening at Owen



On Thursday, September 20, Owen Public Library, along with the City of Owen, Owen Public Works Department and the Growin' Owen Project, held the Fremont Wifi Park Grand Opening.

The occasion was held to celebrate the beautiful, new gazebo that was built in Fremont Park. In May, Owen Public Library received a WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant. The library applied these funds toward building a gazebo in Fremont Park, that community members can use to watch trains, relax and connect to the library's wi-fi.

There was music, a dedication ceremony, and cake and ice cream during the celebration.

Congratulations to Owen Public Library!

Ollhoff Completes IS Institute



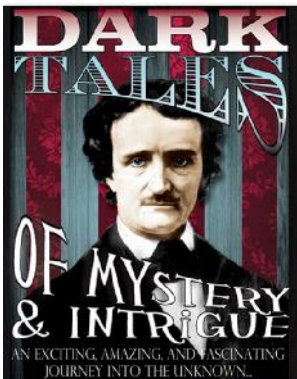
The first ever Inclusive Services Institute in Wisconsin was completed in August. Sixteen participants from Wisconsin public libraries and regional systems came together for three intense days in April and in August of learning and working.

Laurie Ollhoff from the T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill) represented WVLS. She is in the first row, third from the right in the photo.

Ollhoff received a letter from Assistant State Superintendent Kurt J. Kiefer last month. It stated: "Your individual effort, combined with the work of your cohort, will have lasting impact on the future direction of inclusive services in Wisconsin public libraries and systems. Thank you for your leadership and vision in the development of the Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide."

Congratulations, Laurie!

Magician Scheduled to Perform at Abbotsford



With Halloween approaching, October is full of things dark and spooky.

The Abbotsford Public Library will feature a "Dark Tales Show" at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19, performed by Robert Halbrook, aka Robert the Magician. The program is geared toward young adults and adults.

Topical authors like Stephanie Meyers and PC Cast, as well as classical authors like Edgar Allan Poe, and Bram Stoker, are featured throughout the show. A number of "relics" and antiques from Robert's personal collection will be on display throughout the program.

For more information on this program, contact Library Director Jenny Jochimsen at 715-223-3920 or director@abbotsford.lib.wi.us.

Antigo Adds Rail for Artwork

The Antigo Public Library recently added a rail system to display artwork of local artists.

Paul Gregurich, a member of Antigo Visual Artists (AVA), designed the rail system. The system will be used for the library's Art in the Library project.

"Not only will the rail system allow for us to easily switch artwork, but it will give us the wall space to use as exhibit space," said Dominic Frandrup, Director of Antigo Public Library.



The Art in the Library project is funded by the Antigo Public Library Foundation, as well as AVA. Frandrup said this project will be used to highlight artistic talents in the community.

Pictured in the photo are left to right: Paul Gregurich, AVA artist, Dominic Frandrup and Camille Converse-Smith, AVA representative.

For more information on the rail system and the project, you can reach Frandrup at 715-623-3724 or dfrandrup@antigopl.org.

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