



1. Gale Courses and Certification

As of November 1, 2018, all WVLS member libraries received access to **Gale Courses**. Classes as part of the Gale Courses subscription could be available for public library contact hours toward certification in Category B. [See this document for more information.](#) (This document is also linked on the [WVLS Director Certification web page](#)).

2. Listening Session Postponed

The WVLS Listening Session scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 13 has been postponed until Spring 2019.

3. Inclusive Services Assessment Guide Now Available

Participants in the inaugural 2018 Inclusive Services Institute [developed an self-assessment tool and guide](#) so that libraries are better able to evaluate the inclusivity of their spaces, programming, services, and administrative operations. This resource was designed to be used by individuals and groups as an ongoing reflection tool. The checklist and supporting resources are meant to help libraries evaluate current services as well as plan for the future.

Input on every aspect of the document is welcome through December 31, 2018 and can be shared by individuals [using this Google Form](#).

4. Latest Digital Lites Blog Posts

- [Adult Services Summit](#)
- [WLA Conference Recap: Podcasting](#)

5. WAPL Conference Accepting Program Proposals

The WAPL Conference Planning Committee invites program proposals for the Spring Conference, to be held May 1-3, 2019, at the Holiday Inn & Suites and Central Wisconsin Convention + Expo Center in Rothschild (near Wausau). Proposals for presentations, panels, workshops and business meetings are welcome. Sessions will run either 45 or 60 minutes in length. [Deadline for proposal submissions](#) is January 11, 2019. You will be notified of the program's acceptance or rejection no later than February 8, 2019.

6. State News

- It's a great time now to plan "**Hour of Code**" programs or activities. The event encourages coding or engineering for an hour during the week of December 3-9 this year. [Additional ideas and resources can be found here.](#)
- Gail Sumi, League of Municipalities Member Engagement and Communications Director, hosted a **Service Animals & the Law** webinar last week. [The archived webinar can be found here.](#)
- Do you have a story you'd like to share with the Wisconsin library community and beyond? Librarians Steev Baker and Shauna Koszegi at the Sun Prairie Public Library are working on new episodes of their **library-focused podcast "The Tallest Building in Town."** We're looking for stories of the strange, unexpected, joyful, challenging things that your library is doing in your community. Specific topics include: building projects, rural libraries, hidden archives, and representation in local history. Send an email to spplstaff@gmail.com with "Tallest Building" in the subject line.

7. Overdrive Lucky Day Collections Survey

Last week, Melody Clark at WILS sent out an email to the WPLC announcements list regarding the opportunity to provide OverDrive with feedback and guidance on Lucky Day collections. This is a great opportunity for the WPLC community to help shape a new OverDrive feature that could potentially provide instant access to users for popular content on a first-come, first-serve basis. [Access the survey here.](#)

8. National News

- **Small Business Saturday** will be taking place on Saturday, Nov. 24, [but it's not too late for libraries to get involved.](#)
- Actress, singer and model Zoë Kravitz stars in **two new video Public Service Announcements (PSAs)** for the American Library Association, promoting the magical power of libraries. [Read more.](#)

9. PLSR Update

The PLSR Steering Committee met on November 7, 2018 to continue to review the draft recommendation report. The committee encourages the library community to review the [most recent draft Version 6 \(11/7/18\)](#). It is an opportunity to see the proposed recommendations and the structure of the report. If you have comments on the draft please submit them to the Steering Committee as soon as possible but no later than November 26, 2018 via the [contact page](#).

10. Ann & Augo's Retirement Reception (Repeat)

Ann Mroczenski and Augo Hildebrand will soon bid farewell from WVLS. Please join us in congratulating them and celebrating their accomplishments with a drop-in reception between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, at WVLS. [See the attached flyer](#) for more details, and to RSVP.

