

## Wisconsin Valley Library Service



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### Gale Courses Now Available to Library Users



As of Thursday, November 1, Gale Courses are available to library users of WVLS-member libraries.

There are several resources available on the [WVLS Gale Courses web page](#).

Flyers can be customized and printed for your community. Social media shares can be used on your library's Facebook page. A press release and newsletter piece have been started for you. There are also buttons and banners for your library's web page.

You can direct library users to the [WVLS page to search and enroll in a course](#). We are glad to help you with any questions or needs regarding Gale Courses.

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### WVLS Welcomes Newest Staff Member

WVLS welcomes its newest member to the team, Rachel Metzler.

Rachel is the new ILS and Database Support Specialist for WVLS. Her role includes cataloging, assisting with interlibrary loan requests, Sierra reports, databases and training.

Before Rachel worked at WVLS, she was an Academic Librarian at University of Wisconsin – Marathon County and for the UW Colleges Online Program. Prior to that, she worked at Marathon County Public Library and Sparta Free Library.



"I am thankful to be back in a position that allows me to work with public libraries, bringing me back to my roots," she said. "WVLS has a great team and I am excited to be a part of it."

When Rachel isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, spending time at her parent's cottage, enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with a good book, and watching cooking competitions shows.

Rachel can be reached by email at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org), or by phone at 715-261-7250.

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### Westboro to Hold Listening Session



The final WVLS Listening Session of 2019 will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Westboro Public Library on Tuesday, November 13.

We invite WVLS member library directors or a proxy to have an informal conversation and ask questions for WVLS staff. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP with Jamie Matczak at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) or 920-455-0668.

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### Save the Date for a Wild Wisconsin Conference



The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference will take place on January 23-24, 2019.

Fourteen sessions will be available in 4 different tracks, including Library Leadership, Marketing, Small and Mighty, and Youth Services. Planning has been underway since April to give you and your staff an excellent conference experience.

Registration will be open on November 19. [Watch the Conference web page](#) for updates.

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### MCPL's Spencer Branch Honors Vietnam Veterans

During the last week of September, the Marathon County Public Library honored Wisconsin veterans with a temporary exhibit at its Spencer Branch.

The exhibit, called *Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name* is a traveling exhibit that features the name and photo of over 1,600 Wisconsin veterans who served in the Vietnam War. The photos featured on the traveling memorial wall also appear on the official Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Sometimes, it is more than just doing a program. This one hits home to many," said Audrey Kohlbeck, Spencer Branch Coordinator, who arranged for the traveling wall to come to Spencer.

To commemorate this tribute, the Spencer Branch held an opening ceremony on the evening of September 24. Many community members and veterans attended the ceremony, which included students from Spencer High School performing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and a veteran from the Loyal American Legion playing “Taps.”

For more information on this program, see the [MCPL blog post](#), [visit the MCPL Facebook Page](#), or call 715-659-3996.



## Pizza Places, Laundromat, Draw for RDL



You never know where potential library users might be.

The Pizza Haven, a family-owned Rhinelander establishment since 1969, allows the Rhinelander District Library to hang its events on a cork board.

RDL Director Virginia Roberts says she always has flyers for her board members at monthly meetings. She also asks businesses to hang them up when library events are going on.

"Find one of the busiest places in town, and ask them to put up your events," she said. "The worst they can say is no."

Also, putting mini flyers out that folks can take at the local laundromat is an amazing draw, she said.

You can contact Virginia at [director@rhinelanderlibrary.org](mailto:director@rhinelanderlibrary.org) or 715-365-1082.

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**Want something featured in the December newsletter, or are you  
doing something in your library that you want to share?  
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