



MONDAY Mentions

THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK



1. It's a Boy!

On November 28 at 9 a.m., WVLS staff member Anne Hamland, her husband, Granger, and their daughter, Jeanne, welcomed baby boy Axel Granger Hamland. He was 8 lbs, 4 oz, and 20.5 inches long. The whole family is doing great.

On a work-related note, Anne is on maternity leave until mid-January. Please contact the following for help on specific topics.

Website Services: please email help@librarieswin.org.

Youth Services: please check your emails with the subject Youth Services, for information sent mid-November.

OverDrive/Digital Library: please contact Rachel Metzler at rmetzler@wvls.org.

Marketing: please contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org.

2. New Year's Resolutions for the Library

We are looking for some serious and fun ideas that you have for New Year's Library Resolutions for the WVLS January newsletter. If you have an idea or something to contribute, please email Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

3. Upcoming CE

- **Bringing the Library to Them: Creating Community Partnerships with Local School Districts; 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18.** Learn more about school districts and libraries partnering when it comes to coding. Sponsored by YSS. [Register.](#)
- **Rethinking Programming; 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9.** How do we justify library programming expenses, provide a variety of content, and increase the appeal to all age groups? This webinar will look at the elements that affect our communities and connect with the "Libraries = Strong Communities" theme for National Library Week 2019. [Register.](#)

4. New Digital Byte

Jamie talks about [Continuing Education Resources](#), in the latest Digital Byte.

5. WAPL Conference Proposal Reminder

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. The more ideas and diversity of topics, the more rewarding this learning opportunity will be for all.

Please use the [Program Proposal Form](#) to submit a program. Submission deadline is **January 11th!**

6. National News

- NEA Big Read annually supports approximately **75 dynamic community reading programs**, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection. Organizations selected to participate in NEA Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement. NEA Big Read applicants submit proposals to host a series of community events presented at a variety of locations over the course of one month or longer. [Read more.](#)
- Libraries are a smart investment, transforming lives and communities and passionately advocating for lifelong learning. Libraries Transform, the American Library Association's public awareness campaign, is spreading the word about the impact libraries and librarians make every day—join us for free tools and resources to advocate for the value of librarianship. [Sign up now to use the campaign.](#)

7. Holiday Reminders

Waltco and the WVLS Office are closed on December 24 and 25, as well as January 1. Courier will not be happening on those days.