

# 1. PLSR Final Survey

The PLSR Steering Committee will be administering a final survey next week from December 3rd through December 9th, asking for feedback regarding its recommendation report to the DPI. More information about the report completion timeline and the current draft of the report can be found here.

Each library system and each public library will be asked to submit 1 response to the survey. The survey information and link will be sent to each system director's and library director's email address. Please be on the lookout for it in your inbox. Links to an updated version of the draft recommendation report and a recorded video presentation of an overview of the recommendations will be included with the survey link.

John Thompson, Chair, PLSR Steering Committee

# 2. 21st Century CCLC Grants Now Available

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is pleased to announce that applications for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grants are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year. The 21st CCLC grant is a federal grant that funds after school programs across the state of Wisconsin. Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on February 22, 2019. The purposes of the program are to... Read More.

### 3. WLA Updates

- Library Legislative Day will be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/legday2019">https://tinyurl.com/legday2019</a> to print a registration form and FAX or mail it to the WLA Office at the number and address provided. Please consult the form for additional information about making hotel reservation,s or the WLA website <a href="Library Legislative Day">Library Legislative Day</a> page. Online registration will soon be available on the WLA website. As always, the appointments with Senators and Assembly Representatives will be scheduled for attendees by the Legislative Day Committee. Please register by January 13, 2019. Kris Adams Wendt will again be coordinating the WVLS delegation. Contact her at <a href="kawendt@wvls.org">kawendt@wvls.org</a> if you have any questions.
- As shared in the WLA Legislative Newsletter: Efforts by WLA members to build relationships with members of the legislature and executive branch in recent years have yielded tremendous success! 2019 is a budget-producing year with the potential to provide another boost to state library aids – as you'll find explained further down this newsletter page.

Handwritten notes from the library community have become WLA's "brand." Now is the time to congratulate our next Governor and Lt. Governor, as well all newly elected legislators and old friends! Go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/LDLcongrats">https://tinyurl.com/LDLcongrats</a> for a list of recently elected legislative seats. All returning legislators provided unanimous support for library funding and related legislative initiatives in the last session.

Got two more stamps? Send congratulations to Governor-Elect Tony Evers at P.O. Box 1789, Madison, WI 53701 and Lt. Governor-Elect Mandela Barnes at P.O. Box 90541, Milwaukee, WI 53209. Finally, WLA understands the value of maintaining as well as building relationships and always encourages members to send handwritten notes to outgoing elected officials. Go to <a href="http://legis.wisconsin.gov/">http://legis.wisconsin.gov/</a> to identify current members of the legislature who are retiring when compared to the list linked above. Governor Scott Walker, PO Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707. Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, P.O. Box 2043, Madison, WI 53702.

#### 4. National News

- Overdrive now has Holiday marketing materials available.
- The <u>Ezra Jack Keats Foundation</u> is officially putting out the call for program proposals for the <u>2019 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants Program</u>. The Mini-Grant program focuses on creative and innovative enrichment activities that foster creative expression, cooperation, and community. Check out the <u>Great Mini-Grant Programs gallery</u> for inspiration and let your imagination run wild. For more information on the application process and/or to get started, click <u>HERE</u>. Proposals are due on March 31.
- WebJunction, an OCLC research program, has launched a new website as part of an Institute of
  Museum and Library Services-funded <u>collaboration</u> between PLA and <u>OCLC</u> to help public
  libraries respond to the opioid crisis. This is part of a project to identify, synthesize, and share
  knowledge and resources that will help public libraries and their community partners develop
  effective strategies and community-driven coalitions that work together to address the opioid
  epidemic in America. <u>Click here</u> to access the <u>Public Libraries Respond to the Opioid Crisis with
  Their Communities</u> website.
- The Facebook Group, <u>The Shareable Clique</u>, is an invaluable resource for social media librarians. It is the perfect place to go to find viral content perfect for your library's page (and to share content that has done well on yours, too!). Since the holidays are right around the corner, we thought we'd give your page a head start with posts that have been shared. <u>Read More</u>.

### 5. Wild Wisconsin Conference Open (repeat)

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference. The conference will take place on January 23-24, 2019. The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference is a state-wide virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System and supported by all 16 public library systems in Wisconsin. Librarians throughout the state are able to register for as many sessions as they want. All session will be worth 1 contact hour for public library certification.