



## 1. Museum and Library Services Act is Reauthorized

The Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) Senate Bill 3530 was reauthorized by the House of Representatives on December 19 by a vote of 331 to 28, with 73 not voting. MLSA has more than six decades of history. The original legislation from the 1950s was first reauthorized in 1960 and again in 1964. It has received broad bipartisan support and renewals over the years. The last MLSA renewal in 2010 authorized federal funding through 2016. Since then, the bill has been introduced seven times. It received unanimous consent from the U.S. Senate on December 4. [Read more in the WLA Newsletter.](#)

## 2. New Digital Lite & Digital Byte

- [Update on Gale Courses Usage](#), is our latest Digital Lite blog post.
- Jamie talks about her ["Top Tech Tools"](#) in the latest Digital Byte training.

## 3. Articles of Interest

- According to U.S. News & World Report, 80 percent of New Year's resolutions fail by February. What exactly goes wrong in this process? While the reasons vary from person to person, here are 4 common ways you are standing in the way of your success. [Read More.](#)
- At midnight on New Year's Eve, all works first published in the United States in 1923 will enter the public domain. It has been 21 years since the last mass expiration of copyright in the U.S. [Read More.](#)

## 4. New Year's Day Reminder

Waltco and the WVLS Office are closed on January 1. Courier will not be happening on those days.

## 5. PLSR Update (repeat)

The PLSR Steering Committee members have begun reviewing feedback from the library community regarding the committee's draft recommendation report. A link to the draft recommendation report and the aggregated feedback can be found in the linked post.

The committee will meet at least one more time to complete their report. The committee will then submit the final report to the Department of Public Instruction. The submission of the report will complete the committee's work.

The Steering Committee would like to thank everyone who completed the recent survey or has recently shared their thoughts with the Steering Committee.

## **6. WISCAT User Group Meetings (repeat)**

The quarterly WISCAT User Group meetings for 2019 have been scheduled. Please save the dates. We've chosen different days of the week and meeting times in an effort to cover different library staff schedules. Agendas and log-on information will be sent two weeks before the scheduled date.

Wednesday, February 13, 10 -11 am

Tuesday, May 7, 11 -12 am

Thursday, August 8, 1 -2 pm

Friday, November 8, 10 -11 am

If there are topics you would like included in these sessions please let us know. At this time, possible topics include: ILL best practices, Searching, Request Creation, Lending responsibilities, Cataloging, Participant record. Contact Gail Murray with questions at [gail.murray@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:gail.murray@dpi.wi.gov).

**Happy New Year!**

