

1. Wild Wisconsin Conference Open

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.

2. Wisconsin Author Project Winner Press Release and Flyer

Here you will find a press release template announcing the winner of the Wisconsin Author Project. Please share this template with your local news outlets and others to spread the good news about the work the WPLC is doing to support Wisconsin authors.

3. Library Legislative Day "Save the Date"

<u>Library Legislative Day</u> will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Stay tuned for more information from WVLS.

4. State News

On the surface, maker education looks like a lot of fun—young people tinker with materials, take things apart, make things light up, design and build things, etc. It's messy, a little scattered. Dig a bit deeper, and those actions of play reveal quite a lot of thinking, processing, and meaning-making. Read more from Edutopia.

5. Innovation and Collaboration Literacy Grant (Repeat)

To support literacy for all library users of Wisconsin Valley Library Service member libraries, a \$20,000 grant will be provided to partnering WVLS libraries to create a space in their libraries where families can talk, read, sing, write, and play together. Libraries are literacy centers in communities. Family literacy spaces filled with fun, activities focused on literacies, and quality information under the leadership of librarians, will enhance library offerings as a major literacy resource in the community.

<u>See the WVLS scholarships and grants web page</u> for more information, and for a grant application. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

6. Director Opening at Withee (Repeat)

The Withee Public Library Board of Trustees is accepting applications for a creative, energetic, outgoing, self-motivated and organized individual that will provide leadership to maintain current and enhance library services. The library director reports to, and implements the policies and vision of, a five-member Board of Trustees. Read more.