



1. Scholarship Opportunities Now Available

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service is offering four, \$1,600 scholarships for directors or branch managers of a member public library to attend the **Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference**. The conference will be held in Burlington, Vermont, from September 4-7.

WVLS is also offering one scholarship worth \$500 for a **youth services staff member to attend a WLA conference**. The person selected for the scholarship will also be rewarded a one-year membership to the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA).

The application deadline for all of these scholarships is Friday, March 15. Please see the [WVLS scholarships and grants webpage](#) for more information and applications.

2. PLSR Update

The PLSR Steering Committee will meet Friday, February 8, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Committee members will attend via GoToMeeting. The primary business of the meeting will be to continue reviewing the committee's recommendation report, discuss feedback related to each section, and make final draft decisions for each report section. [See the PLSR webpage](#) for the agenda and information on attending the meeting.

3. OverDrive/WPLC Updates

- Some new updates were added to Libby. [Here are some details on those updates.](#)
- Are you looking to provide tools to support your local authors while also growing your readers' access to digital resources - all available for free and with no waiting? [Register to attend an upcoming webinar](#) on the basics of BiblioBoard on Friday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m.
- The WPLC Collection Development Workgroup launched the 2019 annual patron survey. The survey is open through February 28th. Please encourage patrons to respond by sharing the survey link to your websites and social media accounts and by displaying printed signs in your libraries. [Read more.](#)
- Voting is now open for April's [Big Library Read](#). This time around, OverDrive is focusing on memoir and biography titles. Voting ends February 6 so cast your vote now. Please feel free to share this with your library users to get them involved in selecting the next title. The next Big Library Read will be April 1-15, 2019, and the winning title will be announced in March.
- The WPLC Board monthly update for January [has been posted.](#)

4. Census 2020 - Complete Count

Libraries are in a unique position to achieve the goal of a Complete Count in Wisconsin and nationwide. The 2020 Census Barriers, Attitudes, and Motivators Study (CBAMS)(known as the 2020 Census Planning Survey) gauged the public's intention to respond to the 2020 Census. [Read more.](#)

5. 2018 WISCAT Statistics Coming Soon

WISCAT staff are currently compiling WISCAT statistics and will soon be sharing them with library system staff. [Read more.](#)

6. Support Staff and Circulation Services (SSCS) Conference

The WLA Support Staff and Circulation Services (SSCS) conference will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 in Eau Claire. This one-day conference will be held on the Chippewa Valley Technical College campus in Eau Claire, and the theme will be "Help Yourself, Help Your Library." The conference planning committee is now accepting proposals and recommendations for presentations, panels, and workshops. Suggested topics include but are not limited to: stress reduction, managing difficult patrons, training new workers, library safety, creating a positive organizational culture, bridging the generational divide, organizational techniques, career building, work-life balance, etc.

Presenters should fill out the [online registration form](#) by Friday, March 29, 2019. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by April 15 at the latest.

