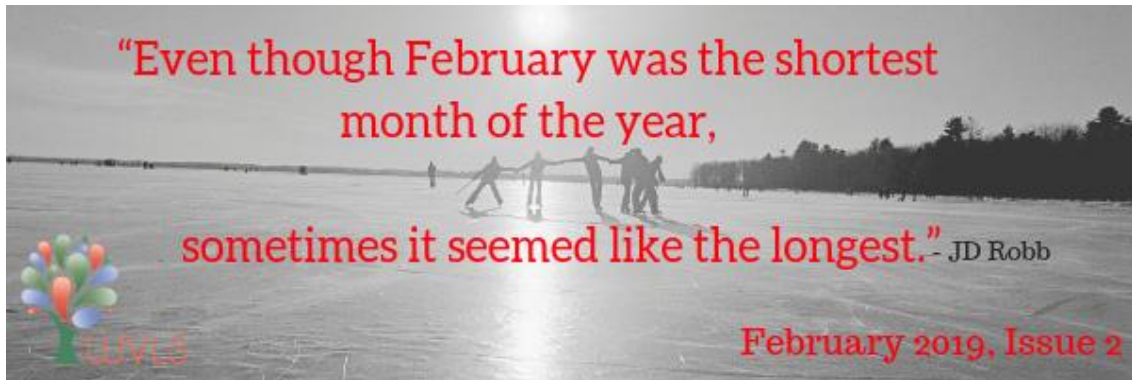


Wisconsin Valley Library Service



Scholarships Available Soon



On Monday, February 4, WVLS will be announcing scholarship opportunities for 2019.

One of the scholarships will be awarded to a member librarian focused in youth services. This candidate will be eligible to receive \$500 toward the upcoming WAPL or WLA Conference, as well as receive a one-year membership to the Wisconsin Library Association.

WVLS will also award full scholarships for four colleagues to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference in 2019. The 2019 Conference will be held in Burlington, Vermont on Sept. 4-7.

Watch the [WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage](#) for up-to-date information about these scholarship opportunities.

YSIE Meetup Set for February 14



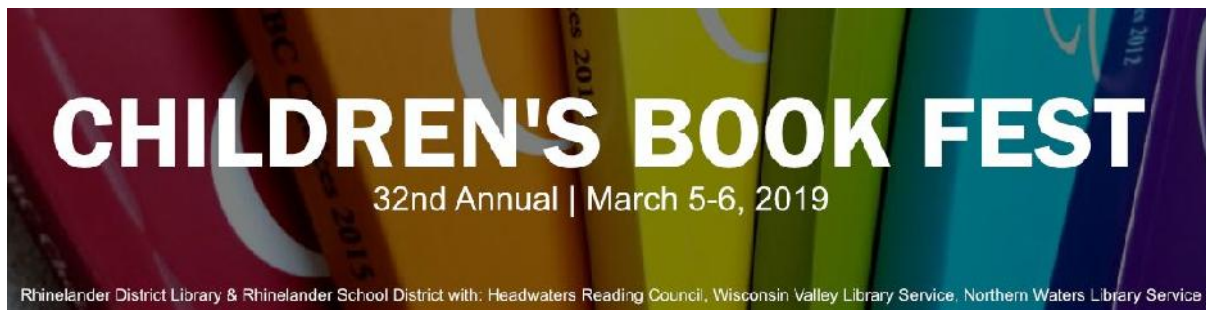
Looking to exchange ideas in Youth Services?
Wanting to talk to other colleagues about youth spaces?

The next YSIE (Youth Services Information Exchange) Meetup is set for February 14th at the Loyal Public Library from 11-2 pm.

Topics (in addition to topics brought by attendees) will cover Summer Reading plans and problem solving, revitalizing your youth spaces on a shoestring/no-string budget, and spring cleaning in youth services. You are asked to bring a photo of your current youth space.

Please let Anne Hamland know if you will be attending by emailing her at ahamland@wvls.org.

Book Fest Set for March 5-6



The 32nd Annual Children's Book Fest will be held March 5 and 6 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 135 E. Larch St., Rhineland, Wisconsin.

The Book Fest will not have books for sale on site. Attendees are encouraged to mark their bibliographies and CCBC Choices and order books from their regular vendors.

[Registration forms for Children's Book Fest 2019 are here](#). If you do not receive or are unable to download and print the registration blanks these forms are available at www.rhinelandlibrary.org.

PLEASE NOTE that separate registration is required for the evening and day sessions.

All registrations must be received no later than Friday, March 1. Payment of \$10.00 per person must accompany each registration blank. No purchase orders, please.

The night presentation on March 5 is worth 1.5 contact hours, and the day presentation on March 6 is worth 2 contact hours.

Dine Around Rhineland

Stick around after the morning presentation on March 6 for the first ever “Dine Around Rhinelander,” and join fellow librarians for lunch. The Dine Around Rhinelander will take the place of the annual WVLS Grassroots Meeting. Keep the camaraderie and conversation going while enjoying lunch. Attendees will organize into groups according to where they want to dine.

[RSVP for the Dine Around Rhinelander here.](#) Options will be given that day, and walk-ins are welcome.

MCPL Participates in "Day On"



For the employees of the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL), Martin Luther King Jr. Day isn't just a day that the library and its eight branches are closed to the public. Instead of having the day off, MCPL employees (and employees of Marathon County's other 24 departments) attend a “day on” organized by County administration to help educate employees in the areas of Dr. King's teachings – diversity, non-violence and poverty.

Nearly 30 seminars, presentations and and break-out sessions were offered throughout the day, with employees having the ability to choose which events they attended. Topics that were covered throughout the day included generational

differences in the workplace, implicit bias, an introduction to plain clothes people in central Wisconsin, assisting an aging population, the history of the civil rights movement in Wisconsin, and more. A day-long blood drive, and emergency mass feeding exercise with the American Red Cross, were also held.

The goal of the MLK "Day On" is to help employees expand their world view by learning about the culture, needs and traditions of different groups within the community.

-Submitted by Dan Richter, Library Marketing Specialist, MCPL

Accolades from State Senator

Some libraries, including the [Wisconsin Valley Library Service](#) and the [Northern Waters Library Service](#), have purchased access to what are called [Gale Courses](#). Now, with just a free library card, individuals have access to hundreds of interactive, instructor-led online courses. The courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.



State Senator Tom Tiffany (12th District) recently recognized WVLS and the availability of Gale Courses at our member libraries, in his January 11 newsletter.

He wrote, "This is a really great opportunity for individuals to expand their horizons to explore an area of interest, or even help learn new skills and obtain a certification for a career. It can be another outstanding resource for libraries to continue to be a part of helping to provide workforce development."

Thank you, Senator Tiffany - we love Gale Courses!

Want something featured in the March newsletter or are you doing something in your library that you want to share?
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