



1. Scholarship Applications Due Friday

WVLS is offering four scholarships for directors or branch managers of a member public library to attend the 2019 Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference. This year's conference, themed "Tap Into Libraries!," will be held September 4-7 in Burlington, Vermont.

WVLS is also offering one Youth Services WLA Membership/Professional Development Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide WVLS youth services staff an opportunity to attend a WLA-sponsored conference in 2019. The person selected for the scholarship will also be rewarded a one-year membership to the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA). This scholarship is open to any WVLS public library member who has a minimum of one year of experience working in youth services.

The deadline to apply for both scholarships is Friday, March 15. [See the Scholarships and Grants webpage for more information and for applications.](#)

2. WAPL Conference "Sneak Peak"

Preliminary registration dates and program information has been posted on the [WLA website about the WAPL Conference](#) coming up in May in Rothschild. Look for an official announcement and registration opening up soon.

3. Outdoor Learning Webinar on April 17

Outdoor Learning at the Library: It's Only Natural (webinar); Wednesday, April 17; 1 pm
Studies show children benefit a great deal from spending more time outdoors. Are you interested in creating an additional avenue for early childhood learning at a currently unused library outdoor space? Join Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (Indiana), as they go through the process of creating one, from the idea state to ground-breaking, and from the ribbon-cutting to programming. Learn about their Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom and why it's the perfect setting for imaginative play for children. [Register here.](#)

4. Google Communities Ends in April

[Google has announced](#) that on April 2, 2019, Google+ consumer accounts will be shut down. Google Communities for Libraries will continue to exist for the time being, but because most members of the

Wisconsin Public Library Community are not G Suite users, this communication venue will sunset on April 2, 2019. [Read more.](#)

5. May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Happening April 13

The 2019 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Debbie Reese. Dr. Reese is a critic and scholar whose research and writings on representation of Indigenous people in children's and young adult literature have informed the work of librarians and teachers and other scholars across the country. The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, in Madison. This is a free public lecture, but you must have a ticket to attend. The lecture will also be livestreamed. [Click here for more information and to download a ticket.](#)

6. More Upcoming State Conferences

- *Many Voices Many Choices* is the 71st conference of the **Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA)** headlining from March 31 through April 2, 2019, at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. [Read more.](#)
- Registration is available for the **Wisconsin Association of Academic Libraries (WAAL) 2019 Conference**, April 18-19, 2019 in Eau Claire. [Read more.](#)

7. Library News

- Recently the BadgerLink team worked with Monica Treptow, DPI's School Library Media Education Consultant, to review the resources searchable through each **Explora** interface. Based on feedback from the school library community, we determined that fewer resources in Explora for Elementary made searching much easier for Elementary level students. [Read more.](#)
- The **Oral Health Program** at the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services (DHS) describes its mission as promoting and improving oral health for the benefit of all Wisconsin citizens. [Read more.](#)
- Small-Town Library, Big-Time Author: How a Town of 240 Lucked into a Visit from Elizabeth Berg. [See blog post.](#)
- This year is the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King (CSK) Awards, and as part of the golden anniversary, the CSK Program Committee is challenging librarians and educators across the country to hold at least one program or presentation highlighting CSK award-winning books, authors, and illustrators. **Librarian Heather Thompson put Wisconsin on the map** with her program at the Kenosha Public Library. [Read more.](#)

8. Listening Session Set for April (repeat)

The first of two WVLS Listening Sessions of 2019 will be held from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 9 at the Westboro Public Library**. We invite WVLS member library directors or a proxy to have an informal conversation and ask questions of WVLS Staff. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP with Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.