



1. The Bubbler Comes to WVLS on May 7

The [Bubbler at Madison Public Library](#) is a hub for creative expression among people of all ages through art creation and appreciation, engagement with new and old-school technology, and hands-on making.

Join Bubbler team members Carlee Latimer & Rebecca Millerjohn, and previous Bubbler artist-in-resident, Bird Ross, as they share core programming models, intentional service practices, hands-on making experiences, and successful documentation & evaluation strategies for those experiences.

Bring your library team to learn how to create a vision for your library space and implement hands-on experiences or programs.

The “Bubbler Makes Over WVLS” will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 9 am – 3 pm, at the Marathon County Public Library. The workshop is worth 4.5 contact hours for public library certification.

[Register for this workshop](#) by May 1.

2. National Library Week is April 7-13

Are you ready for National Library Week on April 7-13? [ALA has a webpage](#) dedicated to marketing materials and resources for you. Jamie also customized a press release that you can send out to local media. You can find this on the [WVLS Marketing page](#).

3. WAPL Conference Registration Open

WAPL Conference Registration at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Rothschild is open! The conference is set for May 1-3. [The advance registration deadline is Friday, April 19.](#)

And, don't delay and miss out on the conference [room rate deadline of Friday, April 5.](#)

4. Final PLSR Report and Invitation to Listening Sessions

The Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Steering Committee recently turned in the Final Recommendation Report to the State Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn Stanford Taylor, completing the work that so many individuals throughout the state participated in and helped make possible.

Upon receiving the report, COLAND (the Council on Library and Network Development) has been informed that the Superintendent would like for there to be one final round of comments and has asked that several listening sessions be held across the state. COLAND is setting up four in-person listening sessions, to be held regionally throughout the state. The four sites and dates, as well as a link to the final report, can be found on the COLAND page [here](#).

5. New Digital Byte

Signs are spring are here, and it's also a great time to take a look at your library website. Anne covers "[Spring Cleaning for Your Website](#)" in the latest Digital Byte.

6. State News

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced on March 11, 2019, that **McMillan Memorial Library of Wisconsin Rapids** is among the 30 finalists for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This is the nation's highest honor for institutions that make significant, innovative and exceptional contributions to their communities. [Read more.](#)
- **Taco (Talking about Coop Opportunities) Tuesdays** are free, virtual webinars served in bite-sized pieces so WiLS members can learn about valuable products and services offered by our vendor partners. This edition features the following products from our vendor partners. The next one is April 2 at 11:30 a.m. [Register to attend.](#)
- The [GIL Conference](#) (Gaming in Libraries) will be held at UW-Eau Claire's McIntyre Library on May 31, 2019. The keynote presentation, "From Fluxx to Fortnite: Lifelong Learning through Good Gaming," will be given by University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Library Director Paul Waelchli. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from [12 different presentations](#) and optional social events in the evening.

7. Spring Item Barcode Order

WVLS will be placing an order for item barcodes the last week of March. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand. If you are not the person who does item barcode ordering for your library, please forward this message on.

If you are interested, please email Rachel by Wednesday, March 20 at rmetzler@wvls.org. Let her know how many barcodes your library would like.