

**Director's Report**  
**WVLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**March 16, 2019**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **WVLS Board of Trustees Appointments**

In January, following the WVLS Board of Trustees meeting, an announcement of 2019 WVLS Board Appointments was submitted to all the newspapers in the WVLS seven-county service area. The announcement also included the names of the newly elected officers and WVLS Executive Committee members.

### **LEAN WI Welcomes NWLS**

On behalf of LEAN WI, **Joshua Klingbeil** sent a letter to the Northern Waters Library System (NWLS) welcoming them and their member libraries to the LEAN WI partnership. The letter was shared with NWLS colleagues on March 1. (**Exhibit 12A** to be shared at meeting)

### **2019 WWWWC**

Several people shared thoughts about the 2019 Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference (WWWWC). **Jeannine Heskett**, from the Darien (WI) Public Library said, *"Thank you so much, Jamie! This conference is always so helpful for me to get my CEUs and so enjoyable as well."* And co-organizer, **Leah Langby** (IFLS Library System), stated, *"Way to organize an incredible webinar conference again ... I hope you have some idea of just how appreciated you are for your work, attention to detail, vision, organization, and great skills at finding amazing presenters that goes into this conference. I also hope you remember to take a break ... and rest after this remarkable effort!"*

### **WWWWC Consult**

**Jamie Matczak** was contacted on February 27 by **Lauren Clossey**, Continuing Education Coordinator of North Carolina. Lauren expressed that she, along with consultants from Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina were interested in hosting a collaborative online conference similar to the Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference. During a March 7 conference call, Jamie spoke with her about the WWWWC, how it has evolved over time, and the work and planning required for it to be successful.

### **Gale Courses Promotional Materials**

Several member libraries have expressed appreciation for the Gale Courses marketing materials created by **Anne Hamland**. Most recently, **Dan Richter**, Library Marketing Specialist at MCPL, wrote, *"Thank you so much for these! I actually had a post promoting Gale Courses set for this morning! I like these graphics a lot, so I edited my posts to include them. Good to let people know that the new sessions start next week."*

## **PEOPLE / LIBRARIES / SYSTEMS IN THE NEWS**

**Brandon Hardin** has been hired as new director of the Withee Public Library. He replaces **Teresa Miniatt** who resigned the position to become director of the Stanley Public Library. Brandon's first day on the job was February 21.

In late February, **Bill Herman**, E-Rate/Broadband Consultant at DPI became DPI's technical liaison to Wisconsin libraries and library systems. For the last three years serving as E-Rate/Broadband Consultant, Bill helped schools and libraries understand and file for E-rate, worked to help students and families get connected to the internet at home, and worked with TEACH/DOA to develop grants that serve schools and libraries. Before working at DPI, Bill was Technology Director at Monona Grove School District for 15 years, and before that he was Technology Coordinator at River Valley School District for three years. Former Library Technology Consultant for the Public Library Development Team, **Ryan Claringbole**, left the position in February 2017 to become director of the Monona Public Library.

**Jamie Matczak** was asked by the iSchool at UW-Madison to independently teach a continuing education course this summer called "[Having Difficult Workplace Conversations](#)." The course will cover tools and best practices to ensure that even the most challenging conversations will result in a happier workplace. It's a four-week, pass/fail, online course, available for public librarians. Successfully completing the class gives public library directors 14 contact hours toward public library certification.

**Anne Hamland** accepted an invitation from **Tessa Michaelson Schmidt**, DPI Public Library Youth and Inclusive Services Consultant, to serve on the leadership team for the 2019 Youth Services Development Institute. The Institute provides professional development and networking for Wisconsin public library staff who serve babies, children, and teens in smaller public libraries. This year's Institute is tentatively planned for Sunday, August 25-Wednesday, August 28.

Antigo Public Library Director **Dominic Frandrup** was featured in the Spring 2019 *WLA News* "New Director Spotlight." **Tammie Blomberg**, Director of the Rib Lake Public Library, was the March 2019 WISL (Wisconsin Small Libraries Section of WLA) Librarian of the Month. **Anne Hamland** was introduced to WLA's Youth Services Section members in the February 7 *Youth Services Shout-Out* YSS Blog post. (All three articles will be shared at the meeting as [Exhibit 12B](#).)

**Jamie Matczak** was notified in early February that the two program proposals she submitted for the upcoming Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference were accepted as presentations. "**30 Ways to Make Your Small Library Extraordinary**," a session she presented at the 2018 Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference, will be shared at 1:45 pm on Thursday, May 2. In this session, Jamie will provide tips and resources for small libraries to be the best they can be. A panel discussion on "**Current Marketing Trends**" will be presented by Jamie, **Jill Fuller** (Bridges Library System) and **Rebecca Schon Kilde** (IFLS Library System) at 11:15 am on Friday, May 3. This presentation will cover top takeaways from the national 2018 Library and Marketing Communications Conference (St. Louis) and how each of the presenters are applying these concepts in their respective library system.

In late February, following several delays due to bad weather, the newly remodeled and expanded **Demmer Memorial Library** (Three Lakes) opened to the public. The \$2.2 million dollar building project includes a complete makeover of the former library and an additional 3,000 square foot expansion. A Soft Opening Celebration and Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, March 9. Check out the construction photo gallery at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gvJD8WEIeb2jcc0w2>.

"Short is Sweet", **Rachel Metzler's** premier article of young adult audio books was published in the February 2019 issue of *VOYA* (Voice of Youth Advocates). ([Exhibit 12C](#) to be shared at meeting)

## WVLS PROJECTS

### Legislative Update

WVLS attendance at WLA Library Legislative Day was impacted by a massive snowstorm on February 12. Three of the sixteen WVLS area registrants – **Mike Otten**, **Ralph Illick** and **Joshua Klingbeil** – hazarded the trip on their own following cancellation of planned mini-bus transportation on February 11. The intrepid trio covered six of the appointments with eleven legislators representing WVLS territory and delivered information folders to the remaining legislative offices. In-district conversations with the remaining five legislators have acquainted them with the importance of key library components in the Governor’s Executive Budget proposal released on February 28. As anticipated, those library related requests included a boost in funding for regional public library system services (\$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21), as well as cost to continue funding maintaining core services from Badgerlink and Newsline for the Blind levels of service (\$345,800 in fiscal year 2020-21), and the library service contracts between DPI and the Cooperative Children’s Book Center, Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library, Milwaukee Public Library and UW-Madison (\$133,200 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$168,100 in fiscal year 2020-21). The aforementioned line items have all been funded through the Universal Service Fund since 2009-2011 rather than general purpose revenue. The Governor’s budget proposal also moves the Recollection Wisconsin digital archives program, currently maintained on a grant-by-grant basis, under the state funded WISELearn portal to ensure that the state’s history moves sustainably into the future. The budget process now moves to the Joint Finance Committee.

### Gale Courses Receives Support from Member Libraries and Users

WVLS member libraries have embraced **Gale Courses** and are receiving positive feedback from library users. **Laurie Ollhoff**, Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services at **T.B. Scott Free Library** (Merrill), kicked off [“MOOC Central @ the Library”](#) on March 5, a program held on the first Tuesday of the month that provides a space for those taking online courses to gather. Time is set aside to assist those interested in taking any one of the FREE online Gale Courses as well. The **Rhineland District Library** is also building a similar program. **Tomahawk Public Library** created a bulletin board display at the library’s entrance that included marketing materials provided by WVLS, the full list of available courses and an informational brochure. Also, many WVLS member libraries are promoting Gale Courses on their Facebook pages. Upon request, **Anne Hamland** created a Gale Courses poster (**Exhibits 12Da and 12Db**) for 2019 Library Legislative Day participants to share with their representatives, and an Annual Report Infographic template (**Exhibit 12E**) that promoted Gale Courses as a new service offered by member libraries. Member libraries will receive monthly communications featuring social media shares and marketing tools to promote Gale Courses to community segments throughout 2019.

### Library Renovation Projects

The **Western Taylor County Public Library** (Gilman Library) is in early stages of design and planning for an expansion of existing facilities. Community support (including funding) is strong. Consultation regarding technology considerations integral to the project are ongoing.

The **Milltown Public Library** is in late stages of design and acceptance, with a plan to move temporarily from existing facilities to a vacant building located just down the road. LEAN WI assisted the director with the successful application for TEACH Infrastructure grant in the 2018 fall application cycle. LEAN WI is actively engaged with the library director and local telecommunications providers to ensure the best chance for services continuity throughout the project. Consultation regarding technology considerations integral to the project are ongoing.

The **Somerset Public Library** is in late design and planning stages. LEAN WI has engaged the library for current state of technology infrastructure discovery work and early/late planning stage considerations. Consultation regarding technology considerations integral to the project are ongoing.

The **Demmer Memorial Library** (Three Lakes) is in the post-renovation recovery stage. The library has moved back into the building from its pair of temporary locations and is working to get back up to 100% operational. LEAN WI continues to assist with technology consultation and direct technology support.

### WVLS Movie Licensing Project

To reduce the price for all participants, **Anne Hamland** coordinated a Movie Licensing USA (MLUSA) group license on behalf of interested libraries. The renewed license will run from April 1, 2019–March 31, 2021 and includes the following public libraries: Abbotsford, Antigo, Colby, Crandon, Greenwood, Medford, Merrill, Minocqua, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Stetsonville, Thorp, Three Lakes, Tomahawk, Westboro and Withee.

### V-Cat Update

**Kyle Schulz** has been working with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. on tasks associated with getting Wabeno Public Library information into the V-Cat database and developing a basic timeline in which to get things done. The project is expected to take a few months to complete, and a definitive “go live” date has not yet been established.

Since late January, **Katie Zimmerman**, MPLC Youth Services Collection Specialist and UW-Madison Information School student has been working with **Kyle** and **Rachel Metzler** on learning aspects of ILS administration and completing projects that align with her field project goals. Katie’s field work will conclude in May. The V-Cat Bibliographic Control Committee, along with Kyle, Rachel, and Katie, are investigating a process for member-library cataloger training. Tentative plans are to have a “basic” training covering MARC alerts, and an “advanced” training covering Z39.50, a process that allows catalogers to copy existing records from other library systems/databases and expedites the cataloging process.

A large snowfall prompted the cancellation of the February V-Cat Council meeting, and Kyle and **Tammie Blomberg**, this year’s V-Cat Council Chair, decided it best not to reschedule it. Kyle is drafting a 2020 V-Cat Budget to present to the **WVLS/V-Cat Steering Committee** on March 28, and planning for the **V-Cat Council meeting** on April 4.

While seeking feedback from ILS and technology managers, Sierra ILS administrators asked WVLS about getting together in person and/or remotely to share information, strategies and ideas for future collaboration. LEAN WI is helping to coordinate an initial meeting of **all Sierra ILS administrators** in Wisconsin for late April 2019.

### Public Library / Workforce Development Partnerships

A new statewide project, **Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS)** made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will bring together public library staff with the staff of regional Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) and Wisconsin Job Centers, to facilitate more seamless support of job-seeking patrons, business owners and entrepreneurs. **Anne Hamland** will meet with Workforce Development Directors in the North Central, North West, and West Central regional offices and with other public library system consultants that have public libraries in these regions. Colleagues attending these introductory meetings with Anne include **Leah Langby** (IFLS Library System), **Sherry Machones** (Northern Waters Library Service), and **Mark Jochem** (South Central Library System). This group will also organize meetings between member libraries Workforce Development Directors starting in May. These meet-and-greet opportunities are the first of four training opportunities offered to public library staff. Any member of the library community

who is unable to participate in LAWDS training sessions, live or online, will be able to access archived recordings or slide decks on the concepts and resources discussed.

As part of this initiative, WVLS is encouraging member libraries to share information about the availability of the Gale Courses product with their regional Workforce Development Board and local Job Center. The Gale Courses catalog includes courses helpful for job seekers or anyone looking to brush up on their workplace skills.

### **New IDEA Team Formed**

**Sherry Machones**, WVLS Inclusive Services Consultant and Northern Waters Library System Director, has gathered a team of public library staff from NWLS and WVLS to guide the direction and focus of each system's inclusive services program. Members of the IDEA (Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Access) Team include: **Angie Bodizslaw**, Spooner; **Emilie Braunel**, Sayner; **Sue Heskin**, Superior; **Jeanne Wolfe**, Lac du Flambeau; and **Laurie Ollhoff**, Merrill. The IDEA Team will have its first meeting later on this month.

### **Technology Update**

#### **New LEAN WI partner: Northern Waters Library Service Onboarding**

IFLS Library System (IFLS), Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS), and Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) formalized the inclusion of NWLS by a jointly adopted MOU. The respective technology staff members were working on information discovery/sharing, and technical aspects of inclusion. The formalization has enabled us to file a joint application of FY18 LSTA funding and to pursue broader collaborations with other library systems in a unified manner.

#### **Fiscal Year 2018 Library Services and Technology Act (FY18 LSTA) Grant**

In January 2019, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) announced the reintroduction of a Library System Technology funding channel from the FY18 LSTA grant program. This opportunity came with a new eligibility framework and funding formula matrix. A major change in eligibility is the requirement that two or more Library Systems collaborate on one or more projects in order to utilize much of their respective allocations.

LEAN WI is fortunately positioned to leverage this new eligibility framework within our normal operations. To ensure LEAN WI was able to maximize the benefit of this new opportunity without significant disruption to planned operations during 2019, we applied for the grant against a pair of already-planned projects. This will allow us to repurpose resources intended for those projects toward other projects; primarily the Collaborative Backup Project.

#### **Virtualization Infrastructure Upgrades**

In order to stage the LEAN WI virtualization environment for various projects moving forward, an operating system and management suite upgrade was started in February. This process uncovered underlying configuration issues, some inherent to the versions of product in use, some dating back to original implementation, and some likely related to the brief use of a third-party management toolset which was removed from production in 2018. **Kris Schwartz** of IFLS managed nearly every aspect of this upgrade process in a manner which was impressively transparent from the operations perspective, including issue discovery and resolution along the way. The virtualization platform is now in an up-to-date and stable state, ready for future projects.

## Technology Collaborations with Public Library Systems

### Collaborative Backup Project

The Collaborative Backup project is ongoing. The FY18 LSTA funding opportunity has catalyzed efforts for many participating systems. A proposal is being developed for solution adoption and we anticipate the review/revision/adoption process to be completed by March 15, 2019. This project has a separate, more comprehensive report being produced for LEAN WI directors and to be shared with other project collaborators. The executive summary is already available.

### Computer Procurement Cooperative

LEAN WI, South Central Library System (SCLS), and many other library systems worked with SCLS and their Dell service team to migrate our respective accounts to the single service team. The Dell service team continues to work on implementation of common access to discounted pricing and custom configurations via the “Dell Premier Portal” but have not been able to produce an estimated time to completion (ETC) for that effort. Once completed, LEAN WI will be able to work toward a more unified procurement approach and be able to compare other options against best-case Dell pricing.

### Youth Services Update

The February 14 **Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE)** meet up scheduled at the Loyal Public Library was cancelled due to winter weather. Another date will be set later in spring at the Loyal Public Library. Please stay tuned for more information.

As in years past, WVLS is offering a \$240 **Summer Library Performer Grant** for all WVLS member libraries in 2019. Libraries will submit a contract for a performance between May 22 and September 4, 2019 and will receive reimbursement after the performance.

Applications for the **2019-2020 Innovation and Collaboration Grant** were reviewed by a three-person WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Literacy Grant selection committee comprised of **Anne Hamland**, and two youth services specialists outside WVLS. The Rib Lake Public Library and Tomahawk Public Library partnership was chosen unanimously. In early March, Anne met with **Krista Blomberg**, Youth Librarian at Rib Lake Public Library, and **Annette Miller**, Youth Librarian at Tomahawk Public Library, to assess each library’s space and to review each project plan. Krista and Annette will submit bi-monthly project reports to WVLS and updates will be shared with the WVLS Board. (**Exhibit 12F** to be shared at meeting; “Rib Lake library gets grant to help families read together”; *The Star News*; February 28, 2019)

### WVLS Database Review

**Rachel Metzler** and **Anne Hamland** have been working with member librarian volunteers to analyze and determine the value of WVLS database offerings. The Database Advisory group includes **Julie Kinney** (MCPL), **Dominic Frandrup** (Antigo), **Ashley Polinski** (Rhineland), **Kim Metzke** (Greenwood), and **Julie Beloungy** (Thorp). During its first meeting, the group reviewed an EBSCO databases cost/use analysis, and discussed perceived value of these products. The group will meet again to draft recommendations in preparation for continued discussions at WVLS Library Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees meetings.

### Public Library Annual Reports – Compliance Issues and System Effectiveness

All public library annual reports were submitted to DPI by the March 1 statutory deadline. The WVLS audit of member public library 2018 annual reports revealed no issues of noncompliance. Also, all 25 member public libraries indicated in the system effectiveness section of the annual report that WVLS provided effective leadership in 2018. Favorable comments were reported in the areas of consulting, customer service, ILS administration and technology support. (**Exhibit 12G** to be shared at meeting)

## WLA and ARSL Professional Development Scholarships

In early February, WVLS announced the availability of five scholarships in 2019. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a WVLS youth services staff to attend a Wisconsin Library Association-sponsored conference and provide a one-year membership to WLA and the Youth Services Section of WLA. Additionally, a \$1,600 Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARLS) scholarship will be offered to four member public library directors/branch coordinators. The scholarship will provide a one-year ARSL membership and travel to the ARSL Conference held on September 4-7 in Burlington, VT. The application deadline is **Friday, March 15**. Scholars will be announced by **Monday, March 25**.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Coming Soon!

- **Overcoming the Email Avalanche: Three Steps to an Empty Inbox** (webinar); 10 a.m., March 20
- **From Inbox to Completion: The Secrets to Successful Workflow** (webinar); 10 a.m., March 27
- **Spring Webmaster Co-work Day**; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, March 29, IFLS Library System, Eau Claire. **Anne Hamland** will lead the group in using Canva.com for creating website graphic content in the morning and webmasters will work on their website maintenance, building, and design skills with the Divi theme in the afternoon.
- **Creativity and Aging: Arts Education for Older Adults** (workshop); 9 am - 3:30 pm, Friday, April 5, Rice Lake
- **Outdoor Learning at the Library: It's Only Natural** (webinar); 1 pm, Wednesday, April 17
- **The Bubbler Makes Over WVLS** (workshop); Tuesday, May 7, MCPL

### Past Workshops

#### 2019 Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference

The 2019 Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference took place on January 23-24, 2019. There were 14 presentations over the two-day conference focused on marketing, library leadership, small libraries and youth services. Total attendance for the conference was 1,307, with an average of **93** attendees per session. The attendance for the 2018 conference was 1,327, with an average of **69** attendees per session. The conference coordinators were pleased to see that conference attendance had not decreased even though fewer programs were done in 2019. Session evaluations (**Exhibit 12H** to be shared at meeting) were positive, with a majority of the speakers scoring above 4.0 (on a 5.0 scale) if attendees found the webinar helpful in their library positions. Slides and videos of the 14 one-hour sessions may be found on the [Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#) website under "Recordings & Slides."

#### "What I Wish I Had Known"

"What I Wish I Had Known", a 30-minute webinar presented on January 31, shared lessons former Withee Public Library Director, **Theresa Miniatt**, learned as a new public library director. The webinar garnered 26 attendees from around the state, and the feedback on the presentation was positive. The presentation is available for later viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WVLSchannel/videos>. Miniatt provided this presentation as a WVLS Professional Development Scholar.

#### Children's Book Fest

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Rhinelanders Children's Book Fest** held on March 5 and 6 was a success. Public and School librarians converged in Rhinelanders to browse award winning titles and enjoy a presentation by Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) staff on literature from the *2018 CCBC Choices list*. Following the presentation, attendees were invited to participate in the first-ever "**Rhinelanders Dine Around**" for continued conversation and camaraderie in a small-group setting over lunch at a local restaurant. **Anne Hamland** and **Jamie Matczak**

provided each group with conversation starters, a mystery bag containing dessert and giveaways, and an informational handout that announced upcoming WVLS Youth Services workshops and WAPL Conference, and grant opportunities. Several participants in the “Rhineland Dine Around” expressed that they would like to have WVLS continue the informal lunch conversations next year.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (HANDOUTS)

- 2019 WVLS Organizational Chart & LEAN WI Stack ([Exhibit 12I](#))
- 2019 WVLS Fact Sheet ([Exhibit 12J](#))
- 2019 WVLS Glossary of Acronyms and Library-/System-Related Terms ([Exhibit 12K](#))
- 2018 WVLS Statistics Booklet ([Exhibit 12L](#))
- Wis. Stats. Chapter 43 ([Exhibit 12M](#))
- “Milwaukee PL’s Ad Campaign Turns Heads”; *Library Journal*; February 2019. (The logo used by MPL for its awareness campaign looks very much like Amazon’s smile logo, yet MPL is not concerned about trademark infringement.) ([Exhibit 12N](#))
- “Wisconsin’s Digital Library Tops 5 Million Total Checkouts in 2018!”; *WI Libraries for Everyone blog*; January 28, 2019 ([Exhibit 12O](#))
- “Kenosha Librarian Launches Coretta Scott King Award Program”; *School Library Journal*; February 27, 2019 ([Exhibit 12P](#))

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1 – Meeting with Representative Mursau; Crandon Public Library (Wendt)
- March 4 – WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant meeting; Rib Lake (Hamland)
- March 5-6 – **Annual Children’s Book Fest / Dine Around** (Hamland, Matczak)
- March 7-8 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- March 8 – Meeting with Waltco Representative (Matczak)
- March 12 – Central WI Book Fest Committee meeting (Metzler)
- March 13-14 – WVLS Audit with KerberRose (Sepnafski, Metzler, Hafemeister)
- March 14 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- March 16 – **WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** (Sepnafski, Wendt, Klingbeil, Schulz, Hafemeister, Hamland, Matczak, Metzler)
- March 19 – WLA Conference Planning Committee meeting (Hamland)
- March 20 – **“Overcoming the Email Avalanche: Three Steps to an Empty Inbox”** webinar (Matczak)
- March 21 – **V-Cat Bib Committee meeting** (Schulz, Metzler)
- March 21-22 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- March 22 – WLA Library Development and Legislation Committee meeting; Madison (Wendt)
- March 26 – Delivery meeting with SCLS, IFLS, NWLS and MCPL (Sepnafski, Matczak)
- March 26 – WLA Youth Services Section Board meeting (Hamland)
- March 27 – **“From Inbox to Completion: The Secrets to Successful Workflow”** webinar (Matczak)
- March 28 – **WVLS/V-Cat Council Steering Committee meeting** (Schulz, Metzler, Sepnafski, Hamland)
- March 29 – **IFLS/WVLS Webmaster Co-Work Day**; Eau Claire (Hamland)
- April 3 – Public Library System Marketing Cohorts meeting; Portage (Matczak)
- April 4 – **V-Cat Council meeting** (Schulz, Metzler, Sepnafski, Klingbeil, Zimmerman)
- April 4 – **WVLS Library Advisory Committee meeting** (Matczak, Sepnafski, Klingbeil, Schulz, Hamland, Metzler,



Zimmerman)

- April 5 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- April 5 – **“Creativity and Aging” Arts Education for Older Adults**” workshop; Rice Lake (Matczak, Hamland)
- April 9 – **WVLS Listening Session**; Westboro Public Library (Sepnafski, Klingbeil, Hamland, Schulz, Matczak, Metzler)
- April 10-11 – WiscNet Advisory to Membership; Stevens Point (Klingbeil)
- April 11 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- April 15 – DPI-Hosted State Services meeting; Madison (Matczak, Hamland, Machones)
- April 15 – Forest County Library Board meeting; Crandon (Wendt)
- April 17 – **“Outdoor Learning at the Library: It’s Only Natural”** webinar (Matczak)
- April 18 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- April 19 – WVLS office closed
- April 23 – WLA Conference Planning Committee meeting (Hamland)
- April 25 – Coalition of ILS Administrators meeting; Wausau (Schulz, Metzler, Klingbeil)
- April 25 – Field Work Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- May 1 – SRLAAW meeting; Rothschild (Sepnafski)
- May 1 – WPLC Board meeting; Rothschild (Hamland)
- May 1-3 – WAPL Conference; Rothschild
- May 2-3 – Field Project with Intern (Schulz, Metzler, Zimmerman)
- May 5-8 – Innovative User Group Conference; Phoenix, Arizona (Schulz)
- May 7 – **“The Bubbler Makes Over WVLS”** workshop; MCPL (Hamland, Matczak)
- May 7 - Cross System Borrowing Meeting (Sepnafski)
- May 7 - WisCat User Group meeting (Metzler)
- May 17 - WLA Library Development and Legislation Committee meeting; Madison (Wendt)
- May 18 - **WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** (Sepnafski, Wendt, Klingbeil, Schulz, Hafemeister, Hamland, Matczak, Metzler)
- May 27 – WVLS office closed
- June 4 – WPLC Board meeting (Hamland)
- June 6 – V-Cat Council meeting (Schulz, Metzler, Sepnafski, Klingbeil)
- June 20 – 25 – American Library Association Conference; Washington D.C.
- June 25 – WiscNet Community Conversation; T.B. Scott Library, Merrill (Klingbeil)

Happy Spring!

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