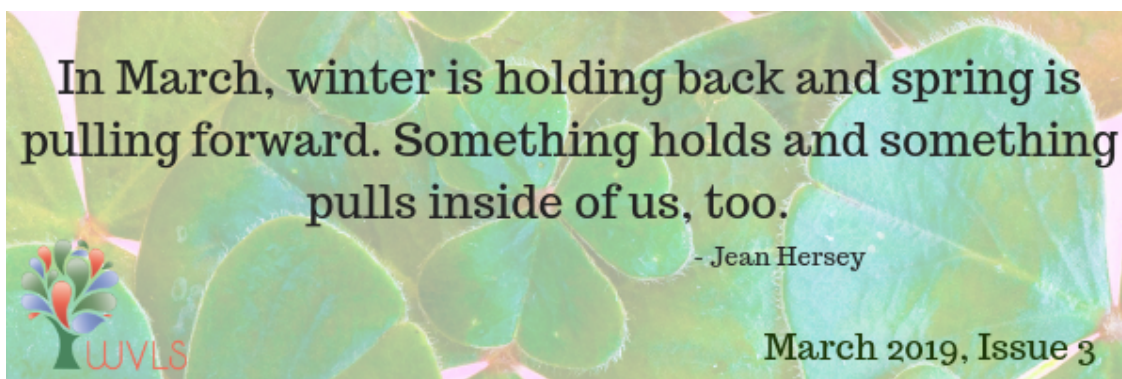


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Rib Lake, Tomahawk Receive Grant



Rib Lake Public Library and Tomahawk Public Library are the recipients of the 2019-2020 WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Literacy Grant.

Each library will completely change the design of an area within their library and collaborate on new and innovative ways of providing services. Possibilities include a mural from a local artist, new or repurposed furniture, bright and inviting colors, clouds, trees and signage. They will also have interactive themes.

Annette Miller at the Tomahawk Public Library and Krista Blomberg at the Rib Lake Public Library will share their triumphs and tribulations throughout this exciting process.

Miller and Blomberg will visit each other's spaces in March to further brainstorm and add to their vision before beginning their project plan.

Congratulations to both libraries!

10 Things You Now Know About Louise Olszewski



Louise has served as a WVLS Board of Trustee, representing Clark County, for 19 years. She has seen a lot of things change in libraries, from wooden card catalogs to reserving books online with Sierra. She has enjoyed her time serving on the WVLS board, because it's a diverse group of people, and everyone is friendly.

She and her husband, Frank, have four grown children and have been happily married for 56 years.

Here are 10 more things to know about her.

1. What skill would you like to master? *I would like to learn how to use my new cell phone better.*
2. Where is the most relaxing place you've ever been? *On the deck on a small boat cruise, with a good book.*
3. What age do you wish you could permanently be? *52*
4. Coffee or tea? *Herbal tea*
5. What book had the most impact on you? *"In Memory's Kitchen - A Legacy from the Women of Terezín." In 1978, we visited the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. During World War II, these starving, Czechoslovakian women kept their sanity by sharing & writing down their recipes on anything they could find.*
6. Among your friends or family, what are you famous for? *Organizing and making good food. I was chairwoman for 500 volunteers during Farm Progress Days in Clark County in 1983, worked 16 years as a volunteer coordinator at the Clark County Rehabilitation Center in Owen, and chaired other community functions.)*
7. What's the best thing you got from your parents? *Healthy genes and moral support.*
8. What is special about the place you grew up? *Phillips, WI - it always seemed like a safe and happy place.*
9. What website do you visit most often? *Mr. Food, because I am a former Home Economics teacher.*
10. If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time? *Genealogy searches for our family. Many years ago, when I was pregnant and couldn't sleep, that is what I did.*



Rhinelanders Hosts Gaelic Harpist



Rhinelanders District Library had a great crowd for its Valentine's Day Concert on February 14. This is the second consecutive year that Jeff Pockat, storyteller, Gaelic harpist, and musical historian, performed for the community at the library.

Research shows that live harp music reduces side effects of anxiety, pain and oncology treatment at an amazing rate. It also promotes an overall positive attitude and a sense of well being. Everyone in attendance enjoyed Jeff's stories and music.

The program was sponsored in part by the Northern Arts Council, and hosted

by Rhinelanders District Library Friends of the Library

For more information on the program, please contact the Rhinelanders District Library at 715-365-1070.

Two Webinars Coming Up in March

Overcoming the Email Avalanche: Three Steps to An Empty Inbox **Wednesday, March 20; 10 am**

1 contact hour

Huge volumes of email are a fact of office life, yet it threatens to overwhelm our work. Is there a way to get email under control short of mass deleting your entire inbox? Yes there is! In this fun and engaging program, participants will learn how to:

- Clear out inbox backlog, no matter how large
- Identify different types of actionable email and respond accordingly
- Create an efficient organizational structure to their email client

- Reliably locate archived email
- Celebrate the joys of an empty inbox!

[Register](#)

From Inbox to Completion: The Secrets to Successful Workflow

Wednesday, March 27; 10 am

1 contact hour

Is your inbox overflowing? Is your work spilling onto every available surface? Do you want to get more stuff done in less time while looking effortless in the process? In this energizing class, you will learn the best practices for workflow management based on an internationally recognized system. This includes discovering:

- The definitive five phases of workflow
- The key questions to ask about any item on your physical or virtual desk
- The role of functional folders for later action or reference
- The importance of a weekly review

[Register](#)



About the presenter: Doug Crane has been a librarian for over twenty years. He currently serves as Director of the [Palm Beach County Library System](#). He believes that librarians should be on the forefront of using and teaching productivity tools and tricks to help the public manage their information more effectively.

These webinars are being coordinated by the South Central Library System and also sponsored by NEWI, SWLS, IFLS, NWLS and WRLS.

Five Scholarships Now Available



WVLS is currently accepting applications for five scholarships.

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 is also awarding 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.

The [WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage](#) has up-to-date information about these scholarship opportunities. The deadline to apply for all scholarships is Friday, March 15.

National Library Workers Day is April 9



Now is the time to start planning for [National Library Workers Day](#) (NLWD). Celebrate the stars in your library on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

This day is designated as a day for library users, administrators, staff, supporters and friends to recognize the valuable contributions made by all of those who work in libraries.

Libraries and organizations are encouraged to host celebrations and [submit names of stars](#) to honor great workers, teams or departments. Give [cool gifts](#) to your staff to let them know they are appreciated.

**Want something featured in the April newsletter or are
you doing something in your library that you want to share?
Contact Jamie @ jmatczak@wvls.org.**

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