



1. Listening Session Next Week

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.

2. Recent Scholarship Recipients

There were several applicants for the recent WVLS scholarship opportunities. Erica Berg, Minocqua Public Library, is the recipient of the Youth Services WLA Membership/Professional Development scholarship. Erica will attend the WLA Conference in Wisconsin Dells in October. Dominic Frandrup (Antigo Public Library), Erica Brewster (Demmer Memorial Library), Lorelee Petersen (Owen Public Library) and Heather Bain (Marathon County Public Library - Hatley Branch), are the recipients of the 2019 ARSL Conference scholarships. Dominic, Erica, Lorelee and Heather will attend the ARSL Conference in Burlington, Vermont, in September. Congratulations to all the recipients, and thank you to everyone who submitted an application.

3. New Byte and Lites

- [Scheduling a Facebook Post](#)
- [Children's Day/El Dia is April 30](#)
- [Libraries Celebrate the Week of the Young Child](#)

4. Overdrive Update

OverDrive released an update to the OverDrive app that prompts users to return a book once they are finished or nearly finished with it. Reminding users to return finished titles before they expire will help the collection circulate more effectively, reducing wait times and holds lines. This does not affect the desktop site nor Libby; only the OverDrive App.

Here are some specifics about how those prompts are triggered:

- If an ebook is 90% complete, or if an audiobook is 95% complete, AND 72 hours have elapsed since it was last opened, the next time the user opens the app, they will receive the prompt to return the book.

- The app only prompts for one title per day, so if multiple titles meet these criteria at one time, users won't be overwhelmed with prompts.
- This is enabled for all by default, but the user has the option to disable prompts in the app's settings. This is a prompt within the app and not a push notification.

OverDrive is experimenting to prevent completed titles from languishing on readers' bookshelves, while at the same time, prompting users in an unobtrusive way. - *Andi Coffin, WiLS*

5. Next Big Library Read

The next [Big Library Read](#), open April 1-15, will be [Homes by Abu Bakr al Rabeeah and Winnie Yeung](#). *Homes* is the remarkable true story of how a young boy emerged from a war zone — and found safety in Canada — with a passion for sharing his story and telling the world what's truly happening in Syria. On April 1, the ebook will be available with unlimited simultaneous copies for all library users. Your library can help support readers with a discussion guide, author guide, and marketing materials for Libby and OverDrive. Let wplc-info@wils.org know if you have any questions.

6. State News

- Public libraries do a great job helping patrons put together resumes or search for jobs. But what if you have a patron who is thinking of changing careers, or may have experience in more than one field? The Job Center of Wisconsin provides tools you and your patrons can use to learn about labor market demands. [Read more](#).
- Among other features and options, WISCAT offers a way to search the catalogs of many libraries in Wisconsin and beyond. Those catalogs are searchable through WISCAT in one of two ways. The first is through the Union Catalog, a small collection of static bibliographic records that once made up the bulk of holdings searchable through WISCAT. The other way that WISCAT is able to search for and present holdings is by using the Z39.50 protocol to make live connections to catalogs. [Read more](#).

7. WVLS Seeks Part-Time Accounting & HR Assistant (repeat)

Due to a retirement, the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) in Wausau, Wisconsin is seeking a limited, part-time Accounting and Human Resources Assistant. This position is responsible for various office, financial and human resource functions including payroll, accounts payable, insurance review, and state/federal employee laws and reporting requirements. Position reports directly to the WVLS Director. [Read more](#).