



1. New Gale Courses Video

There is a [new Gale Courses promotional video](#) on the WVLS YouTube Channel that you can share on your library's Facebook page or library's webpage. It's 37 seconds long. Remember, new courses begin this Wednesday, April 17.

2. Director's Retreat - Save the Date

The WVLS Director's Retreat will be held on Thursday, September 26 at Tribute Golf Course and Bunkers Bar and Grill, located at 1001 Golf Club Rd in Wausau.

This biyearly event will be a full day geared toward the needs of library directors. Topics are still in development. Participants will walk away with learning objectives, resources, and ideas they can incorporate in their libraries. Breakfast, lunch and mileage reimbursement will be provided. The event will also count toward public library certification hours. More information coming soon!

3. WAPL Conference Advance Registration Still Available

Advance registration for this annual conference geared toward public libraries is still available. The conference will be held on May 1-3 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Rothschild. [The advance registration deadline is Friday, April 19.](#)

4. New Digital Byte and Lite

- [Forms for Public Library Certification](#)
- [Refresh Your Adult Programming](#)

5. Webinar This Wednesday

Studies show children benefit a great deal from spending more time outdoors. Do you want to create an additional avenue for early childhood learning at a currently unused library outdoor space? Join Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, 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.

"Outdoor Learning at the Library: It's Only Natural," will be presented at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17.

[Register](#)

6. State News

- The 2019 Wisconsin Author Project launched last week, giving libraries yet another opportunity to help local authors get the recognition they deserve for writing great books. Wisconsin residents can [submit their books here](#) by May 31. WPLC Project Managers [have put together information and promotional materials](#) to help you get the word out, including web graphics, a print poster, a press release to share.
- Learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Programs at [STEAMtastic programs](#) on Friday, May 10, at the CVTC Energy Education Center in Eau Claire.
- State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor recently [shared the following video message](#) in which she describes the power of libraries.

7. Records Retention

On June 12, 2017, the Wisconsin Public Records Board approved a new [General Records Schedule for Wisconsin's Public Libraries and Public Library Systems](#). The general schedule (GRS) establishes the timeframe for the disposal of records that are no longer required for administrative, financial, or legal purposes. Adopting the schedule enables a public library entity to dispose of designated records without prior approval of the Wisconsin Historical Society. (Previously, only those public libraries that had filed individual retention schedules with the Public Records Board and obtained a waiver from the Wisconsin Historical Society were permitted to dispose of records without prior notification and approval.)

For more information, and to access the adoption form [click on the DPI link](#).

8. 2019 Youth Services Development Institute Set for August (repeat)

The Wisconsin Youth Services Development Institute provides professional development and networking for Wisconsin public library staff who serve babies, children, and teens in smaller public libraries. The Institute targets library staff who have no graduate degree in librarianship and/or work in rural/isolated library communities. Applications are due by Tuesday, April 30, 2019, through the [online application](#) process.