



1. Employment at WVLS and NWLS

Two federated public library systems, Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) and Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS), are seeking innovative, knowledgeable, customer service- and team-oriented individuals to provide professional and courteous technical support on computer hardware and software, peripherals, and handheld devices, onsite and remotely, to over 60 public library service outlets throughout central and northern Wisconsin. [Read more.](#)

2. Upcoming Continuing Education

- [Are You Ready for a Building Project?](#) Assessing Space Needs and Community Readiness (webinar); 1 pm, Tuesday, April 23
- [The Bubbler Makes Over WVLS](#) (workshop); 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Tuesday, May 7

3. Next Overdrive Big Library Read

The April 2019 Big Library Read has ended and the title, *Homes: A Refugee Story*, circulated 1,852 times from April 1st through April 15th.

The next OverDrive Big Library Read begins on June 17th, and you get to help choose the title. Vote for your favorite [from among these selections](#) by April 24th and feel free to share this opportunity with patrons as well.

4. DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild 2019 Poster Contest Winners

From Dianne Robinson, Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Educator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:

I am co-chair on the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild team, tasked with providing information about wildlife species natural behaviors, tips on how to determine if a wild animal is truly orphaned, and what to do if someone finds a wild animal in need of assistance.

One of our initiatives this year was to hold our inaugural [Keep Wildlife Wild](#) poster contest for 4th-6th graders across Wisconsin. We had over 200 amazing submissions and selected 3 winners from each grade. We were hoping you could use your contacts within the states' library system to raise awareness of the contest and contest winners, found at our [poster contest winners webpage](#).

Can you please help us to get these posters displayed in as many libraries statewide as possible? This would be very exciting for the contest participants and winners, and would give us the chance to reach out to students for next year's poster contest! All the winners posters can be found and printed off at our [poster contest winners webpage](#). Thank you so much for your time, and your help highlighting these great Wisconsin students and artists!

5. State News

- Recollection Wisconsin recently launched a new and improved central search interface for their digital collections. Through this new search, you can find state and local history resources as well as materials from across the country and around the world, all from the collections of dozens of Wisconsin libraries, archives, historical societies and museums. This new interface was created for Recollection Wisconsin as a benefit of their partnership with the Digital Public Library of America. [Read more](#).
- WISCAT News: Recently, tips were shared about UW-Madison's new loan policy. Borrowers will now be given a 12-week loan period with no renewals. We thought this was also a good time for reminders on some best practices. These will help to get your requests filled faster and avoid Conditional status. [Read more](#).

6. Director's Retreat - Save the Date (repeat)

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.