



1. 2019 Youth Services Development Institute Set for August

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. The Institute is limited to 25 participants in order to facilitate an effective, intimate, and focused Institute experience. There is no fee involved for participants.

Over the course of three days, Institute participants experience foundational training related to youth services, including programming, advocacy, and collection development.

Applications are due by Tuesday, April 30, 2019, through the [online application](#) process.

2. National Library Week 2019

Welcome to National Library Week 2019! In conjunction with the American Library Association's (ALA) National Library Week, State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor issued a proclamation that the week of April 7-13, 2019, be declared National Library Week in Wisconsin. National Library Week is a time to celebrate Wisconsin libraries and honor the individuals who work in our libraries. [Read more.](#)

3. Gale Courses March Statistics

You can view the Gale Courses [student activity by zip code for the month of March](#), as well as stats on enrollments, log ins and minutes spent in a course since November. [You can view those here.](#)

If you have questions about these statistics, please contact Anne Hamland at ahamland@wvls.org.

4. WVLS April Newsletter

- How Hamland Can Help Your Library
- 'The Bubbler' Coming to WVLS
- WAPL Registration Now Open
- MCPL Offers Trail Tails
- [And More](#)

5. Support Staff and Circulation Services Conference

Registration for the one-day Support Staff and Circulation Services Conference on May 23 is now open. Full conference information, accommodations and registration are [all available on the SSCS webpage](#). Registration will also include help creating carpool groups if you are interested.

6. State News

- The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) offers annual awards that recognize outstanding service, support for conference attendance, and the education of a student currently enrolled in a Library Science degree program. [Read more](#).
- Proposals for the 2019 Ideas to Action Fund can be submitted through May 31. Awards will be announced in July 2019. This year, WiLS will award a maximum of \$30,000 (up to \$5,000 per applicant). Instead of or in addition to funding, organizations can apply for WiLS staff time to help with project planning, facilitation, survey design, marketing or other project activities. [Read more and apply here](#).