



1. Update on WVLS Database Offerings

WVLS recently completed a database review process to determine whether to renew all our EBSCO database offerings. These offerings include Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center, Home Improvement Reference Center, Small Engine Repair Reference Center, NovelList Plus, and NovelList Select. WVLS put together the Database Advisory Group, made up of member library staff.

After evaluation, WVLS chose not to renew Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center and Home Improvement Reference Center. The Database Advisory Group felt that our library collections and the internet (particularly websites like Pinterest and YouTube) cover these topics more thoroughly than the EBSCO databases. WVLS chose to retain Small Engine Repair Reference Center, which has a unique offering that is not currently in our collections and difficult to find on the internet, as well as NovelList Plus and NovelList Select. NovelList Plus is a useful reader's advisory and collection development tool, while NovelList Select enhances our library catalog. This fall, the Database Advisory Group will meet again to discuss Ancestry and Gale Courses. Please send Rachel any feedback, questions or concerns at rmetzler@wvls.org.

2. WLA 2019 Awards: Now Accepting Applications

Honor the innovative and exceptional library services, staff, trustees, and supporters in Wisconsin. Nominate an individual, group, or library for one of the 2019 WLA Awards. Winners will be honored at the WLA Conference during the Awards and Honors Reception. The criteria, application form, and instructions to apply are listed under each individual award on WLA's website.

[Visit the WLA site](#) to see a list of the awards and to apply. Applications are due August 1.

Questions? Contact Anna Palmer, Awards and Honors Committee Chair, ahpalmer@wisc.edu.

3. Next OverDrive Big Library Read

The next [OverDrive Big Library Read](#) runs from June 17 through July 1 with the winning title, [A Dangerous Act of Kindness](#) by LP Fergusson! This work of historical fiction asks, "What would you risk for a complete stranger?"

To get your readers excited about Big Library Read, [OverDrive has put together some great marketing materials](#) to help get the word out.

4. Fall Conference Hotel Information

Now that spring conferences are complete, it's time to start thinking ahead to the WLA Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

The Kalahari has launched their new online booking system. WLA has a dedicated website for conference attendees to reserve their hotel room. [Reservations can be made on this page.](#) You can also call 877.253.5466 and reference the WLA Conference 2019 Room Block. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

Room Rate: \$99.00 plus applicable state and local taxes (currently at 12.25%). The rate applies to Single, Double, Triple and Quad. \$20 per person per night with more than four persons. Registration for the conference will open in July.

5. AutoMate has been renamed Auto Repair Source™

From EBSCO: *AutoMate* has been officially rebranded as *Auto Repair Source*. Although the product name has changed, the content has not. *Auto Repair Source* contains the same accurate, authoritative and up-to-date auto service and repair information your users have come to expect.

You do not need to take immediate action as links are automatically redirecting to the new site. However, if you are linking directly to *Auto Repair Source* from your library website (bypassing the Select Service Screen), you will need to [update your URLs](#) before September 30, when the automatic redirect will expire. [Click here](#) to browse all *Auto Repair Source* FAQs.

[We have also updated our promotional materials](#) to reflect the new product name and branding.

6. Memorial Day Shares

Memorial Day hours changing at your library? Here are a couple Facebook posts and website sliders for you. Use them as-is or customize them on Canva (links are below). If you customize, please make sure you make a copy in your own account.

Canva links for customization

[Kids slide for Wordpress websites](#)

[Kids parade Facebook post](#)

[Flag Facebook post](#)

[Flag slide for Wordpress websites](#)

Thanks to Rebecca Kilde at IFLS for sharing these with us!

7. Postponed WISCAT and BadgerLink Outage - New Date August 9-12 (repeat)

Due to server issues identified by the WISCAT and BadgerLink platform vendor, Auto-Graphics, the migration to Version 6 has been postponed. **The migration has been rescheduled for the weekend of August 9-12.** WISCAT and BadgerLink are now slated to go offline at 7pm on Friday, August 9th, and be back online at 7am on Monday morning, August 12th. [Read more.](#)