



1. Sustain Learning Over the Summer with Libraries

School and public libraries can be major sustainers for summer learning, reading, and exploring. While public libraries serve schools and communities throughout the year, programming during the summer months provides additional ways and time to interact at no cost.

Julie Beloungy, Library Media Specialist for the School District of Thorp, explained how the public library and the school district have partnered to offer kids in the community summer library programming. “We have offered a weekly event throughout the summer to all students in our school district,” she said.

[Read more.](#)

2. New Digital Byte and Digital Lites

- Need to convert a document? [Jamie shows you how, using Zamzar](#), a free online file converting tool, in the latest Digital Byte.
- [Photography in Libraries](#) (Digital Lite)
- [Use Novelist Plus for That Perfect Summer Read](#) (Digital Lite)

3. WPLC 2019 Collection Survey Overviews

Earlier this year, the WPLC Collection Development Workgroup conducted two surveys: one for patrons, and one for library and system staff. The surveys were distributed to get feedback on how to better build Wisconsin's Digital Library's collection. Here are overviews of the [patron survey](#) and [library survey](#) responses. Contact wplc-info@wils.org with any questions.

[See Anne's highlights of the survey.](#)

4. Host a Community Screening with Wisconsin Public Television

Wisconsin Public Television has had a decades-long relationship with Wisconsin's libraries and childhood resource agencies through our popular Reel to Real community event partnership with the Wisconsin Library Association. As part of this powerful community partnership, we're asking you to consider hosting a free community screening and dialogue around a critical topic impacting our youngest – childhood trauma, and the need for trauma-informed care awareness, support and training. [Read more.](#)

5. State News

- Instant availability checking is a feature of using WISCAT for interlibrary loan, but the benefit is greatest in how the WISCAT platform uses that information behind the scenes. It sounds odd, but library staff and patrons can often safely ignore availability when placing requests. [Read more.](#)
- A year ago, Libby Academy was introduced. These short training videos were created to highlight features that help readers get the most out of their Libby experience. Each in-app video is only 20-40 seconds and takes readers step-by-step through different Libby actions like how to move backwards and forwards through a book and turning pages in the app. [Read more.](#)
- Wisconsin's Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) project is one of many initiatives nationwide bringing together libraries and workforce development partners to energize collaborations between business owners, entrepreneurs, and job seekers. Here are some other exciting partnerships that draw together libraries, city and state agencies and the business community to help build important economic and business opportunities. [Read more.](#)

6. New Critical Thinking Toolkit

Check out ALA's newest resource: the [Critical Thinking Toolkit](#). The toolkit contains free messaging, data and graphics for libraries to use in their marketing and advocacy efforts around critical thinking. Libraries, with their resources and expertise in information literacy, play an essential role in empowering people to think critically.

7. Guide to 2020 Census Released

The American Library Association released the [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#), a new resource to prepare libraries for the decennial count of every person living in the United States.

The Guide contains practical information to assist library staff in addressing potential patron and community requests regarding the upcoming 2020 Census.

8. Update on WVLS Database Offerings (repeat)

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. This fall, the Database Advisory Group will meet again to discuss Ancestry and Gale Courses. After evaluation, WVLS chose not to renew Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center and Home Improvement Reference Center.

Please send Rachel any feedback, questions or concerns at rmetzler@wvls.org.