1. Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide

Libraries and their services should be available to everyone. How can we predict which special needs we need to accommodate or which unique combinations of barriers and assets people will need us to address?

The Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide for Wisconsin Public Libraries is meant to be your roadmap for these issues. The Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide was designed by Wisconsin public library and system staff for Wisconsin public library directors, staff, and boards with the intent to foster inclusive library environments where everyone is safe, welcomed, and respected. This resource was developed to support libraries in implementing the Inclusive Services Statement. In addition, this resource intentionally complements the 2018 Wisconsin Public Library Standards.

2. Running More Effective Meetings

Are you having difficulty being productive in meetings? Jamie shares some Meeting Tips in the latest Digital Byte. And check out the latest Digital Lite for more resources on this topic.

3. Poster Session at WLA Conference

The WLA Annual Conference Committee invites everyone to share your best ideas and work with the library community by presenting *a poster or visual display* session at the 2019 WLA Annual Conference at the Kalahari Resort on Thursday, October 10 at 4:30 pm. Stand by your display and discuss your work with fellow librarians.

The proposal deadline is Friday, Sept. 6, 2019. Poster session proposals are welcome from any person or organization who has ideas to present to Wisconsin's library community. All poster presenters will be assigned a skirted table space. Presenters are responsible for providing their own way of displaying their presentation with their table space. Wireless internet access will be available. **Awards** will be given for Best Content and Best Visual Display in both the Professional and Student categories.

Submit your poster session proposal here.

4. "Tech Days East" Workshops Open

Registration is open for Tech Days East workshops on Sept. 10-12 in Milwaukee, Appleton and Monona. You can find more information on the [Tech Days Website](#).

Registration for "Tech Days West" (including Wausau), will open in August. The dates for Tech Days West are November 5-7.

5. Prep for First Day of School

Have you ever noticed that we spend an inordinate amount of time preparing children for anticipated milestones? "What books do you have with siblings?" a very pregnant, harried-looking caregiver might ask. Another approaches the desk saying, "He refuses to even go near the potty. I just want him to know it's not scary."

These are year-round events, ones we must always be ready to handle. But there's one milestone in the lives of small children that's quickly, predictably approaching: the first day of school. And while it's important to provide the perfect picture books to help those concerned caregivers, if our work stops there, we're missing a golden opportunity to **prepare caregivers** right alongside those first-time school attendees. [Read more.](#)

6. ALA Nominations Open

The Public Library Association (PLA) encourages our members to consider running for leadership positions in the American Library Association (ALA). As one of ALA's largest divisions in terms of impact, budget and membership, PLA has a tremendous stake in the future of its parent organization, and we want to ensure public libraries are well represented and have a voice within ALA.

From now through July 31, the Nominating Committee for the 2020 ALA election is [soliciting nominees](#) to run on the 2020 spring ballot for the offices of ALA President-elect and Councilor-at-large. They will select two candidates to run for President-elect and no fewer than 51 candidates for the 34 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2020 spring election.