



## 1. Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. [Read more.](#)

## 2. Trustee Training Week

Wisconsin Trustee Training Week is now wrapped up. [The recordings, slides and activity sheets for public library certification are now available.](#)

## 3. Fall Item Barcode Order

WVLS will be placing an order this month for item barcodes. **This will be the last order done in 2019**, so please take a careful look at your inventory. The next order will be done in Spring 2020. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand.

Also, WVLS does have patron cards on hand if anyone is in need. We can send them to you via the courier. Please send barcode orders or patron card requests to Rachel at [rmetzler@wvls](mailto:rmetzler@wvls) by Friday, Aug. 23.

## 4. 2020 County Library Tax Exemption Guide Now Available

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue posted its final 2019 Equalized Values Report on August 15, so municipalities with public libraries can begin calculating their ability to exempt from the county library tax as provided under Wis. Stats. 43.64.

In order to exempt from the tax a municipality must appropriate and expend for the library fund an amount at least equal to the county library tax. Not all municipalities meet that criterion, so this calculation is an important step in finalizing a municipality's library appropriation. [Read more.](#)

## 5. Share Your Ideas for Wisconsin Job Seeker

Wisconsin Job Seeker will be refreshed as part of the Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) project. Next week the LAWDS Project Advisory Council (PAC) will be meeting with

representatives of our 16 public library systems and 11 Workforce Development Boards. We will be discussing a variety of topics, and beginning a conversation about future plans for Wisconsin Job Seeker. [Read more.](#)

## 6. LibraryCon Live Registration Open

Join *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal* for the third annual [LibraryCon Live!](#) They are excited to offer a day-long celebration of fandom-beloved stories and characters, from mind-bending speculative fiction to innovative comics and graphic novels. You'll also learn from librarians and industry insiders on how to plan and host your own Comic Con-style event.

## 7. BiblioBoard Library Curations and Pressbooks Information

The [August curations](#) from BiblioBoard Library feature a lot of fun stuff for you and your patrons to enjoy: Celebrate Family Fun Month with a collection of activity-packed ebooks along with a collection of essays honoring "the messy, the painful, the playful, the beautiful, the myriad ways we create families."

- Fall in love with [Read a Romance Month](#)
- On August 29, and every other day, [We Love Memoirs](#)
- Then, on August 30, enjoy [Frankenstein Day](#) to commemorate Mary Shelley's birthday

## 8. WLA Registration Now Open (repeat)

Registration for WLA 2019 in Wisconsin Dells is now open.

[Register for the conference](#) using the online form or printable form. Early bird special rates end on September 16. Find information on sessions, events, and after-hours activities on the [WLA Conference webpage](#).

## 9. WISCAT Migration Postponed to Sept. 6 (repeat)

Our platform vendor, Auto-Graphics, has rescheduled our migration due to issues that became apparent in a recent migration of another of their customers. **The system is now scheduled to go down on Friday, September 6th at 7 p.m. and come back online, live with Version 6, on Monday, September 9 at 7 a.m.**

We will also be postponing the **user group meeting** that was scheduled for last week. Please mark your calendars for the rescheduled WISCAT user group meeting on **Monday, August 26 at 2 p.m.**

We welcome any questions you have about the migration, version 6, or the [release notes](#). Feel free to call us at 888-542-5543, or email us at [dpirlill@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:dpirlill@dpi.wi.gov).

-The WISCAT Team

