



1. Sepnafski Wins “Librarian of the Year”

WVLS Director Marla Sepnafski has been named the DEMCO/WLA Librarian of the Year!

This award is conferred upon a librarian in recognition of outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service. The librarian must be currently employed, at the time of selection, in any field of librarianship in Wisconsin and must be a current member of the Wisconsin Library Association. Marla will be honored at the Awards and Honors Reception at the WLA Conference in Wisconsin Dells on Oct. 10.

Congratulations, Marla!

2. WISCAT Migration Postponed Again to September 27-30

Auto-Graphics has rescheduled the migration again. **The system is now scheduled to go down on Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. and come back online, live with Version 6, on Monday, September 30 at 7 a.m.**

A WISCAT User Group Meeting was held on Aug. 26, where Gail Murray showed the version 6 sandbox and answered questions. They are currently producing a version of that training to distribute widely.

Send any questions you have about the migration, version 6, or the [release notes](#) by calling 888-542-5543, or email at dpirlill@dpi.wi.gov.

3. Tech Days Registration Open

Registration is open for the Tech Days "West" Workshop Series, with locations in Rice Lake, Wausau, and Sparta.

Topics that will be covered include include how to give your website a facelift that your patrons can still successfully navigate; how we can help bridge the Digital Divide to keep all our patrons happy; and tools to help you be more productive and efficient, both on the job and at home. Breakout session topics and presenters vary with venues. This workshop is worth 6 contact hours, which include technology credit.

[The workshop in Wausau](#) will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Register for this workshop, or check out the [other workshop locations](#).

4. Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week (September 22-28, 2019) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

[Read more and access free downloads.](#)

5. Coming Soon: Wisconsin Public Library Mailing List

In the coming weeks, the WPLC will be launching a statewide mailing list for all public libraries, much like the previous wispublib list. You can look for the list to be available in early- to mid-September. Unlike the announcements-only WPLC list, this discussion list will allow you to share and solicit information from one another.

More information will be coming soon but let wplc-info@wils.org if you have any questions.

Please email Anne Hamland at ahamland@wvls.org if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

6. Voter Education and Registration Tools (repeat)

WVLS is partnering with the League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) to share voter registration tools developed by LWVNOW with all WVLS library locations by September 24, which is [National Voter Registration Day](#). This is a "soft opening" with more training opportunities to come.

LWVNOW has already beta tested the materials at seven WVLS libraries in four counties: Antigo Public Library, Tomahawk Public Library, T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill), Demmer Memorial Library (Three Lakes), Minocqua Public Library, Rhinelander District Library and Crandon Public Library. Coverage will soon be extended to libraries in Clark, Marathon, Taylor Counties, as well as Laona and Wabeno in Forest County. [Read more.](#)