



# MONDAY Mentions

THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK



## 1. Voter Education and Registration Tools Update

On Friday, Sept. 6, Kris Adams Wendt emailed an update to all WVLS directors about the Voter Education & Registration Assistance Project (VERAP) tools. All WVLS libraries should have (or should soon have) notebooks, a flip chart and brochures. The email from Kris also contained some helpful links, and a starter press release. There is also updated information on the [“Advocacy” page](#) of the WVLS website.

Please let Kris know if you have further questions at [kawendt@wvls.org](mailto:kawendt@wvls.org).

## 2. New Digital Byte

Jamie talks about how you can [schedule Facebook posts on your mobile device](#), on your library’s page.

## 3. GIS + Library Data

In this guest post – GIS + Library Data: Creating and using library-related spatial datasets (viewed at ArcGIS StoryMaps) – by GIS Technician Shelley Witte, we get to see the value of displaying combinations of data in ways that are both visually engaging and meaningful to the library and your community. As Shelley points out the heart of this post is to show you that, “GIS can be a driver for more effective outreach and engagement that can bring about more equity and prosperity to the people in your communities!” [Read more](#).

## 4. Vote For the Next Big Library Read

Voting is now open for November’s [Big Library Read](#) and you and your patrons are invited to help OverDrive select the next title to be read worldwide. This time around the focus is on Juvenile/Young Adult titles. The Big Library Read will be live November 4-18, 2019, and the winning title will be announced in October. Voting ends September 11, so [vote now](#).

## 5. Upcoming September Webinars

- [CCBC Shorts](#), September 18 at 9 a.m.  
Join us for brief, timely tours through some of the newest and best in children’s and young adult literature.
- [It’s a Trap!: How to Avoid Giving Legal Advice in Reference Services](#), September 19 at 10 a.m.  
Where is the line between research help and giving legal advice? How can you determine

which sources are authoritative or up to date? This session gives examples and practical tips, including phrases you can use to manage your users' expectations.

- [An Introduction to Talking Books](#), September 26 at 10 a.m.  
WTBBL provides braille and recorded books through the United States Postal Service for those Wisconsin residents who for any physical reason cannot read normal print or hold a book. Join Katie Malloy, Outreach Librarian, to learn how your library can promote these services to your community.
- [Tools For Building Digital Skills with Your Patrons and Staff](#), September 26 at 1 p.m.  
In this free webinar, a panel of digital literacy experts will share tools, resources, and partnership strategies to help you enhance digital skill development among patrons and library staff.

## 6. WISCAT Migration Postponed Again to September 27-30 (repeat)

The BadgerLink authentication and Super Search platform vendor, Auto-Graphics, has again rescheduled their platform upgrade. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion. **The BadgerLink resources and Super Search is now scheduled to go down on Friday, September 27th at 7pm and come back online, on Monday, September 30th at 7am.** We understand that this delay may cause significant inconveniences. [Read more](#).

The video on the sandbox WISCAT Version 6 site is [available here](#). The video and transcript (filename *Version 6 Sandbox Video Transcript & Recording*) are also available in the Documentation link underneath the search bar when logged in to your staff WISCAT account.

## 7. Tech Days Registration Open (repeat)

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](#).