



1. It's a Girl!

At 7:26 p.m. on Friday, November 8, WVLS staff member Rachel Metzler and her family welcomed a baby girl, Elizabeth Leslie Metzler. She was 6 lbs, 9 oz, and 19 inches long. The whole family is doing great. [Click here to view a photo](#) of Baby Elizabeth. Congratulations!

2. WAPL Conference Call for Proposals

Now is the time to look past impossibilities and obstacles and focus on possibilities. The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Annual Conference Programming Committee seeks program proposals for the next public library conference to be held April 29 – May 1, 2020 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center in Oshkosh.

With a theme of "Infinite Possibilities," the goal of this year's conference is that attendees will leave believing that there are infinite possibilities when they are given guidance, encouragement and wisdom. Proposals for presentations, panels, workshops and business meetings on all topics are welcome. Sessions will run either 45 or 60 minutes in length with a maximum of four presenters. Please use the [Program Proposal Form](#) to submit a program, and the **Submission deadline is December 31, 2019**. Acceptance or rejection notifications will take place no later than February 14, 2020.

3. Census 2020 Webinar in December

At the WLA conference, the DPI presented a session called *Say Yes to Census 2020*. In case you couldn't make it, the session will be repeated as a **state-wide webinar at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3**. Census 2020 counts will potentially create changes to political representation and Federal funding and inform your local data. Good numbers are important and libraries can--and should--help! Whether you're in a school, public or academic library, there's information here for you on this timely topic. Presented by Cindy Fesemyer and Monic Treptow, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. [Register here](#).

4. 2019 State Income Tax Forms Now Available

Details of your 2018 tax form orders are available on the [Wisconsin Department of Revenue website](#). Determine your 2019 tax form needs based on how many forms you used last year and reduce that number if you had forms left over. You can also bookmark these pages in your web browser for future reference. Order forms are due by December 13. [Read more](#).

5. Scholarships Available for RIPL Institute in Chicago

In an effort to connect small and rural libraries with professional development centered on data and evaluation, the [Research Institute for Public Libraries \(RIPL\)](#) is offering directors and staff of small or rural public libraries the opportunity to apply for a scholarship opportunity for the full value of the institute (\$1,300) plus up to \$500 in reimbursable travel costs. With this upcoming institute held from July 12-15, 2020, at the Eaglewood Resort & Spa in Itasca, IL (NW Chicago suburbs), this a great opportunity to engage in an immersive and intensive institute experience in its closest offering to Wisconsin. [Read more.](#)

6. More News & Items of Interest

- Registration is now open for the [8th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Mid-Winter Unsymposium](#) at the Superior Public Library! Join us on January 10th, 2020, for an afternoon of networking, discussion, and collaborative problem-solving! The Unsymposium is free and open to everyone. [Register today.](#)
- The US Census Bureau has created the Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM), an application to view the Low Response Score (LRS), a percentage of households in a census tract predicted to NOT respond to the Decennial Census. It also provides easy access to valuable housing, demographic, and socioeconomic data. [Read more in the SCLS TechBits post.](#)
- The American Library Association just announced a \$2,000 Library Census Equity Fund mini-grant opportunity for libraries in or near Census 2020 hard-to-count communities. The proposed activity must be related to 2020 Census preparations or outreach by the library to serve a hard-to-count population. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 22. [Read more.](#)

7. Youth Services Workshop Registration Open (repeat)

The Annual Youth Services Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau. Interested attendees should register by Wednesday, Nov. 27.

[For more information and to register](#), see the latest Digital Lite post.

8. Listening Session on November 18 (repeat)

(Note: This session replaces the originally scheduled session on November 19 at the Antigo Public Library.) The second WVLS Listening Session of 2019 will be held from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. on Monday, November 18 at the City Grill, 203 Jefferson St., in Wausau. Open to WVLS library directors or a proxy, Listening Sessions gather colleagues to hear news from other libraries and learn what is happening at WVLS. It is a great opportunity to raise questions and find solutions in an informal setting. Please RSVP with Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.