



# MONDAY Mentions

THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK



## 1. Sepnafski Awarded Legislative Citation

On Saturday, November 16, WVLS Director Marla Sepnafski received a Legislative Citation recognizing her accomplishments as 2019 Wisconsin Library Association Librarian of the Year. The special recognition was presented on behalf of the Wisconsin Legislature to Marla by Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-29<sup>th</sup> District). The framed document was signed by Petrowski, Assembly Representatives Pat Snyder (R-85<sup>th</sup> District) and John Spiros (R-86<sup>th</sup> District), and Governor Tony Evers.

The citation notes Marla's dedication and devotion to making Wisconsin public libraries accessible and responsive to the needs of all residents, particularly to WVLS member libraries in Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida and Taylor Counties. It states that Marla and the entire WVLS team has "promoted a bold vision for the future of library service in which innovation, collaboration, and high standards of excellence are key components." Congratulations, Marla!

## 2. Adult Services Summit Resources Available

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2nd Annual WVLS Adult Services Summit on November 7. Thank you to Kelly for sharing the menu of adult services from the Minocqua Public Library. You can find [notes from the Summit here](#).

## 3. LAWDS Project Enters Second Year

Year two of the Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) project has begun, with the project entering a new phase. The first of the four public library staff training modules to be developed during the project is now complete, and is already being delivered in some areas. [Read more](#).

## 4. NYT Digital Program Now Available

The New York Times and WiLS are now partnering to offer WiLS Cooperative Purchasing members a substantial discount to the NYT digital program. On November 20 and 21, Sara Gold, Jamie Zagata and Jessica Joyner will walk through a 30-minute demo of the New York Times digital program for public libraries. For pricing, please use the [price quote request form](#).

**Wed Nov 20, 9:30 am – 10 am CST**

Joining info: [meet.google.com/mgn-txgt-imf](https://meet.google.com/mgn-txgt-imf)

**Thu Nov 21, 3 pm – 3:30 pm CST**

Joining info: [meet.google.com/yup-shdx-jco](https://meet.google.com/yup-shdx-jco)

## 5. Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Webinar in December

How does a library respond to a community in deep crisis around race and social justice? That's the question that Richland Library in Columbia, S.C., grappled with in 2017. Recognizing that there was no single answer, they launched initiatives on multiple internal and external fronts. Starting with a Social Awareness Taskforce, geared toward community engagement and courageous conversations, they explored topics surrounding social and criminal justice, women's rights and race. By using innovative approaches like Circles of Dialogue and mobile empathy labs, nearly 1,500 people have participated in the library's race, equity and inclusion programming. [Read more.](#)

## 6. More News & Items of Interest

- 2017 Wisconsin Act 143 created the Office of School Safety within the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), established school safety grants, and required the development of model practices for school safety that could be used by schools around the state. The model practices are available in the Wisconsin Digital Archives, Comprehensive School Security Framework : Making Wisconsin Schools Safer. According to the Office of School Safety, this publication introduces and summarizes the school security practices and procedures recommended to all Wisconsin Schools. [Read more.](#)
- The Libraries and Veterans National Forum is a two-day symposium to discuss strategies for supporting library patrons and library workers who are veteran-or military-affiliated. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (LG-12-19-0114). Fifty library workers from a variety of library types and from around the country will be selected to attend the symposium, with travel and accommodations covered courtesy of the IMLS grant. The Forum is scheduled for June 8-9, 2020 in College Station, Texas. [Read more.](#)

## 7. WAPL Conference Call for Proposals (repeat)

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. 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. **Submission deadline is December 31, 2019.** Acceptance or rejection notifications will take place no later than February 14, 2020.