

1. Youth Services Workshop Registration Open

The Annual Youth Services Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau. Participants will learn about intentionality in promoting literacy skills during storytime, evaluate their current storytime process and leave with resources and methods for incorporating strategies to build literacy skills during storytime and programs. Interested attendees should register by Wednesday, Nov. 27.

For more information and to register, see the latest Digital Lite post.

2. Listening Session in November

(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.

3. WPLC Purchasing and the Macmillan Embargo

Beginning November 1, 2019 WPLC and all WPLC Advantage accounts should not purchase any embargoed Macmillan ebook titles. Between November 1 and December 20, the WPLC will further discuss and research options for taking action and will have a plan by the end of this time.

If the consortium decides to move forward with purchasing Macmillan ebook titles, the consortium and any Advantage accounts will be able to purchase their allotted one copy under the One Copy/One User lending model before that model is no longer available for the titles published after November 1. Note this does not affect Macmillan e-audio titles and those may be purchased during this time. In addition, more detailed guidelines will be shared with consortium and Advantage selectors as the WPLC works with OverDrive on an order management process.

4. WVLS November Newsletter

The <u>WVLS November Newsletter</u> is now available. Features include: MCPL Presents Books On the Bus, Librarians Building Libraries, Professional Development Opportunities and more!

5. ALA Opens Registration on Census Webinar

The American Library Association (ALA) is hosting a free webinar for library staff, "Connecting Your Community to 2020 Census Jobs," to be held on November 6, 2019, at 11 a.m. CST/12:00 p.m. EST. The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring 500,000 temporary workers for the 2020 Census through an online application process. To achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau needs to recruit qualified and diverse applicants in every part of the country. Read more.

ACA Open Enrollment Began November 1

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment is November 1 - December 15, 2019. Is your library ready? Though the Affordable Care Act isn't new, it's still a technological hurdle that some people are not ready to leap. To get assistance with that required online sign up, many community members will turn to their friendly and welcoming public library for help. Read more.

7. Announcing the Inaugural BadgerLink Advisory Group Members

The BadgerLink Advisory Group seeks to improve the ability of all Wisconsin residents to access and effectively use high-quality, licensed resources provided by BadgerLink, expand program visibility, and build stronger relationships between the program and stakeholders. By gathering the diverse opinions and expertise of Wisconsin's learner communities, the BadgerLink team will develop strategies to adapt and grow the program as needs evolve. The Advisory Group is supported through LSTA funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. To create this inaugural BadgerLink Advisory Group, a call for applicants was done in July. From a pool of 39 applicants, ten individuals were chosen. Read more.