



1. Wild Wisconsin Conference Open

[Registration is now open](#) for the 8th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference. The conference will take place on January 22-23, 2020. The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference is a state-wide virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System and supported by all 16 public library systems in Wisconsin.

Librarians throughout the state are able to register for as many sessions as they want. Each of the 14 sessions will be worth 1 contact hour.

2. Library Legislative Day

The Wisconsin Library Association's annual "Library Legislative Day" is set for Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. This one-day event is an opportunity to join your colleagues and visit with legislators to share how essential libraries are to our communities. [See the WLA webpage](#) to register and to make hotel reservations.

3. Reach Out and Read: A Two Rivers/Manitowoc-Calumet Success Story

Reach Out and Read is a national nonprofit that champions the positive effects of reading daily and engaging in other language-rich activities with young children. Reading together promotes healthy brain development, furthers language acquisition, and helps families build meaningful bonds. [Read more.](#)

4. New State-Level Community Engagement Training (repeat)

The Public Library Development arm of Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction is proud to partner with the American Library Association for a new state-level community engagement training, Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities.

Thriving Libraries, a team of consultants trained in community engagement and leadership development techniques, is providing the expertise for this 18-month hands on, cohort-based training. **Up to 20 two-person teams**--consisting of one library staff member and one community member--will be trained in this inaugural effort. An informational webinar will be offered on Wednesday, December 17 at 11 a.m. It will include an overview of the training, expected time commitments, learning goals, and the requirements for the competitive application process for both Teams and Coaches. [Read more.](#)

5. New Census Resource Webpage (repeat)

WVLS just launched a [new Census 2020 page](#) on its website. Included are resources, timelines, fact sheets, social media shares and more. You can also find the site from the homepage under “Resources.” Let WVLS be your one-stop shop for all things Census 2020.