



1. Welcome, Katie!

WVLS welcomes its newest staff member, Katie Zimmermann. Katie is the ILS Administrator, and her first day of employment was December 9. Katie has 15 years of experience working in libraries across Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. Most recently, she was the Youth Collections Specialist at the Marathon County Public Library. Katie can be reached at 715-261-7257 or ils.admin@wvls.org.

2. “Transforming Communities” Application Now Open

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.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, January 10. [Read more.](#)

3. New Digital Byte

This tool might have a silly name, but there is nothing silly about this productivity technique. Check out the [“Tomato Timer.”](#)

4. WLA Volunteers Needed

Share your expertise, network with colleagues and enhance your CV by volunteering for the Wisconsin Library Association!

Volunteers can play a very important role by serving on a committee or task force; providing thoughtful input on deliberations; and focusing on the best interests of WLA’s membership while accomplishing WLA’s goals. The following positions are now open:

WLA Foundation Vice President / President Elect; WLA Foundation Scholarship Committee Member; Wisconsin Heritage Center Steering Committee Chair; and WAAL Secretary

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact the WLA Membership Coordinator, Hannah Bunting, at bunting@wisconsinlibraries.org.

5. BadgerLink Advisory Inaugural Meeting

The BadgerLink Advisory Group held their inaugural meeting on November 22. The BadgerLink team assembled a representative group that reflects the diversity of Wisconsin. The group is energized around improving awareness and use of BadgerLink and sharing ideas to help make BadgerLink outreach and training more effective and appropriate to all Wisconsin residents. The next meeting is planned for Spring 2020. [Read more about the Advisory Group.](#)

6. Check Your Voter Registration Status

The [League of Women Voters of Wisconsin](#) advises people to check their voter registration status.

Voters can be proactive by checking their voter information on Wisconsin's online voter registration website, myvote.wi.gov, or by [contacting their municipal clerk](#). Any voter who received the Wisconsin Elections Commission letter that they may have moved will have a notice on their record on the My Voter Info page asking voters to confirm their address. If voters have moved since registering to vote, they will need to re-register at their current address.

7. Holiday Courier Service (repeat)

Due to the Holiday schedule, there will not be courier service on December 24, December 25 or January 1. Service will run as usual on December 31.