



1. YSS Regional Meet Up

The next YSS Regional Meet Up will be held from 1:30 - 4 p.m. on Friday, January 24 at the Manitowoc Public Library. Bring a friend or colleague that isn't a YSS member, and let them see the benefits YSS membership has to offer! [Register here for the event.](#)

2. Wisconsin Humanities Council: Grant Deadlines for 2020

Every year the WHC gives small and large grants to schools, libraries, museums, churches, historical societies, colleges and civic groups. [Read more](#) about the mini and major grants that are available.

3. Economic Outlook Report Now Available

In a news release, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) announced that they resumed publishing the Wisconsin Economic Outlook in March 2019. Published quarterly from the late 1970s until 2015, the report provides an overview on the state's current economic conditions and a forecast of critical economic metrics including employment, housing, and personal income. [Read more.](#)

4. Wisconsin Women's Council Seeks Survey Partnerships

The director of the Wisconsin Women's Council, a state of Wisconsin agency and the state's commission on the status of women and girls, recently contacted library systems about a new project they would like to promote. WWC is the state partner of the national Voices of Women in America, which is led by the (non-partisan) National Association of Commissions for Women. [Read more.](#)

5. "Transforming Communities" Application Now Open (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.

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