



1. WVLS Library Legislative Day Information

Public Library Consultant Kris Adams Wendt sent out an email on December 9 with specific information for WVLS members about registering for Library Legislative Day on February 11.

[You can view this email here.](#)

2. Renew WISCAT License

It's time to order a 2020 WISCAT license! A license remains \$200 per calendar year per library code for access to all WISCAT functionality. To learn more about WISCAT, visit the [WISCAT Licensing](#) page. To place an order, please use the [online order form](#). Contact the DPI if you have any questions regarding WISCAT licensing at dpirlill@dpi.wi.gov or 888.542.5543. Please note the following:

- The WISCAT licensing form auto-populates some information for you. Begin typing your library code or library name and select the correct library that appears.
- The form auto-generates an invoice for you and sends it to the email address you provide. **Print this invoice and remit it with payment to the DPI address on the invoice.**
- If you are purchasing multiple licenses at once, you will need to submit the form for each individual license. However, you may use one single check to cover all licenses.
- Entities representing a legally constituted county library AND acting as an ILL Clearinghouse qualify for alternative pricing, as in past years. If this applies to you, contact DPI directly via email to place your order.

3. New Digital Byte

There is a new Digital Byte that talks about the [Hemingway App](#), and how you can use it to improve your writing.

4. WVLS December Newsletter

The [WVLS December Newsletter](#) is now posted on the WVLS web page. Features include: 2020 Census, "Wild Wisconsin" Now Open, Rhinelander Reopens Carnegie Entrance, Spudmobile Visits Crandon, MCPL Introduces Board Games.

5. "Ryan Dowd" Training Coming in 2020

We all want to provide the best possible service to all people. Some patron interactions require a more thoughtful and deliberate approach. To help library professionals better help ALL of their patrons, DPI has purchased a subscription to Ryan Dowd's [Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#) training.

The training is three and a half hours long and is on-demand, so you can watch it however it works for your schedule. The subscription goes into effect on January 1, 2020 and runs through the end of the year. More information will be sent in the coming weeks.

6. Library Business Grant Opportunity: Application Period Open Now

The American Library Association (ALA) recently received \$2 million from Google.org to provide grants to 10-14 public libraries that have a strong history of providing services for small businesses and/or entrepreneurs for low-income and/or underrepresented groups in their communities. The application period for these grants is now open and closes December 13. ALA anticipates awarding grants from \$50,000 to \$150,000. [Read more.](#)

7. Wild Wisconsin Conference Open (repeat)

[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.