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# "Need to Know" Legislative Newsletter for Library Leaders

...from Wisconsin Library Association

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## Library Legislative Day is February 11, 2020



**Register now for Library Legislative Day**, scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Madison Concourse Hotel.

Program details are being finalized, with morning briefing invitations issued to Governor Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carolyn Stanford Taylor, and several of our Legislative Library Champions. Stay tuned for more information!!

*(Photo: Library Champion Senator Alberta Darling with WLA Government Relations Advisor Steve Conway and WLA Executive Director Plumer Lovelace.)*

This is our "thank you" messaging year with emphasis on all the reasons that Wisconsin folks need libraries as "Your Everything Place!"

[Register online](#) or use the [PDF registration form](#) to mail or fax your reservation to the WLA Office at the number and address provided. If you have not previously registered for a WLA event online, you will be asked to create a new user profile to enable payment, including entering your senate and assembly districts. To verify

your correct Senate and Assembly districts, enter your personal address or the address of your library in the search box at [Who are my legislators?](#)

**As always, the appointments will be scheduled for attendees by the Legislative Day Committee!** The online registration blank allows choice of up to 2 senators and 3 representatives per registrant if you represent a library system or community that straddles boundary lines for multiple districts. **Please register by January 17, 2020.**

[GO HERE for more information about hotel reservations.](#) Hotel reservation deadline for the WLA 2020 Library Legislative Day room block is January 12.

## Tell Your Library Story!



### **Invite your legislators to hold their January listening sessions at your library!**

Then tell your library's story. How does your local public library support community members seeking to improve their employment skills, change careers and apply for jobs? Or provide citizens of all ages who have no reliable home Internet access with vital broadband for homework assignments, government services, and online courses? Or offer lifelong learning opportunities from early literacy programs that help young brains get ready for school to programs for the elderly that help preserve cognitive function and build important social networks? What public library system does your county belong to? How do public library system services strengthen your local library? *(Photo: 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Rep. Janel Brandtjen visits the Butler Public Library.)*

## Voter Registration and Education Tools for Libraries



The **Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS)** has partnered with the **League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW)** to install voter registration tools developed by LWVNOW at all WVLS library locations. The initiative includes WVLS member libraries in Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Taylor Counties. Each library received a quantity of LWVNOW How to Register to Vote

brochures and a staff reference binder, as well as step-by-step guidebooks to assist patrons with online voter registration, updating and acquiring photo identification for voting purposes, and using absentee ballot and alternative paper voter registration forms. Voter Registration Committee members from LWVNOW monitor election laws and regulations for any changes and work through WVLS to distribute updates to WVLS libraries.

Download the tools from the [LWVNOW Voter Education & Registration Assistance Project webpage](#) where there are also links to an [Acceptable Photo IDs](#) poster and [information about all of the 2020 election dates](#). A 45-minute video presentation by LWVNOW members at this year's WLA Annual Conference is [linked here](#).



## Special Election for U.S. Congressional District 7

New dates have been announced for the Special Election in the 7th Congressional District to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Sean Duffy. **The Special Primary will be held on February 18 with the Special Election to be held on May 12.** After the nomination paper filing deadline of December 2, [check this page on the Wisconsin Election Commission website](#) for a candidate list.

### **ACTION ITEM: Send a holiday card!**

**Handwritten notes from the library community have become WLA's "brand."** Why not brighten your legislators' holidays with a friendly greeting card?!



It's another way of expressing appreciation for their unanimous support for library funding in the last session!

**Send legislators a holiday card from your library!**

**Addresses for State Senators:** P. O. BOX 7882, MADISON, WI 53707-7882

**Addresses for Assembly Representatives:** LAST NAMES A-L: P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708-8952; LAST NAMES M-Z: P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708-8953

**How about including Governor Tony Evers** at 115 East State Capitol, P.O. Box 7863, Madison WI 53702 and **Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes** at 19 East State Capitol, P.O. Box 2043, Madison, WI 53701-2043.

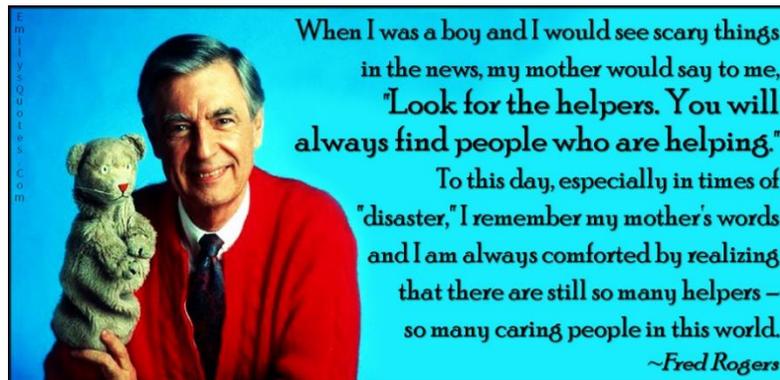
## Legislative and State Government Reference Resources

The [State Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) web pages provide details on legislative leadership, as well as contact information and committee assignments for individual members.

- [WLA's 2019-2020 Legislative Guide](#) is sorted for public library system boundaries and includes libraries in each legislative district.

- Click here for [Wisconsin Legislative Leaders](#) (including members of Joint Finance Committee)
- To verify your correct Senate and Assembly districts, enter your personal address or the address of your library in the search box at [Who are my legislators?](#)
- Information about Governor Evers, Lt. Governor Barnes and the executive branch is found [HERE](#).
- [State of Wisconsin Employee Telephone & Email Directory](#)
- [State Agency Staff with Responsibilities to the Legislature Directory for 2019-2020 Legislative Session](#) (updated Nov 5, 2019)

## Concluding Thought



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