



1. 33rd Annual Book Fest Set for March 10-11

The 2020 Children's Book Fest featuring presentations by the CCBC will be held in Rhinelander on March 10-11. There will also be a group lunch following the Wednesday session. [Registration information](#) can be found on the WVLS website.

2. New Digital Byte on Annual Report Reporting

It's annual report time! Anne and Tessa Michaelson Schmidt share how to track program statistics and walk you through a new tool that you can use to track them. The link to the [video](#) and [transcript](#) are located on the [Digital Bytes webpage](#).

3. Library Legislative Day - Register This Week

Check out the recent Digital Lite on information for [Library Legislative Day](#) on February 11. The registration deadline for LLD is Friday, January 17.

4. YSIE Save the Date

The next YSIE (Youth Services Information Exchange) YSIE Meet Up will be held at the Marathon County Public Library - Athens Branch in early February. Teen programs, teen spaces, teen collections, summer program ideas and more, will be discussed. Stay tuned for more information!

5. Big Library READ Survey

In November, OverDrive facilitated the 20th Big Library Read program patrons. Big Library Read is one of the best ways for OverDrive to gather data to make the case to publishers that LIBRARIES MATTER.

Overdrive is looking for your thoughts and feedback as they plan for the next year and beyond. If possible, please complete the following [survey](#) by Thursday, January 16.

6. WLA Awards Committee Seeking Members

The WLA Literary Awards Committee (LiTA) is looking for a few more members to read and select outstanding books with a Wisconsin connection that were published during 2019.

They are especially interested in members who like to read poetry. The group meets monthly from January to June, to select award winners who will be announced at the annual conference in October. Here's a link to [last year's award winners](#) on the WLA website. Please contact the LiTA co-chair, Deb Shapiro, if you are interested in serving. dsshapiro@wisc.edu.

7. WAPL Program Proposal Deadline Extended

The deadline for WAPL 2020 program proposal submissions has been extended to January 15th! The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Annual Conference Programming Committee once again seeks program proposals for the next public library conference to be held April 29 - May 1, 2020 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center in Oshkosh. Please use this [Program Proposal Form](#) to submit a program.

8. State News

- It's not too late 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 our WISCAT Licensing page. To place an order, please use the online order form. [Read more](#).
- Reaching young children and their families where they are means connecting child care providers. By 2021, there will be an estimated 856,238 U.S. child care operators, but there are still many areas of the country with child care deserts. Supporting child care providers is one of the key ways libraries can support children, families, communities, and small businesses. [Read more](#).
- In May, the [Libby App](#) from OverDrive will be three years old and is already on Version 6.0. In anticipation of her third birthday, Libby had a big update in December that includes push notifications. [Read more](#).

9. "Guide to Homelessness Training" Now Available (repeat)

To help library professionals better help ALL of their patrons, Wisconsin DPI has purchased a subscription to Ryan Dowd's [Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#) training. The training is three and a half hours long, is on demand, and may be viewed whenever it works best for your schedule - either all at once or in smaller segments. The subscription to the training will be available until December 31, 2020.

For more information and access to this training, contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.