



## 1. Annual Report Resources

Tessa Michaelson Schmidt wrote a blog post last week on information to year-round data collection and completing the annual report. The new resources specifically address programs and self-directed activities. [Read more.](#)

## 2. Dates To Remember

- The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference happens on Wednesday and Thursday this week. [Registration is still open](#) to attend any of the 14 sessions.
- Due to Saturday's snowstorm, the WVLS Board of Trustees January meeting has been rescheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 25 at the WVLS office. The agenda and other items are [posted on the WVLS web page.](#)
- The Marathon County Public Library Task Force will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 27 in the MCPL Community Room, to begin its study on the benefits of membership in Wisconsin Valley Library Service and South Central Library System.

## 3. New IMLS Director Confirmed

On Thursday, January 9, 2020, the United States Senate confirmed Crosby Kemper III as the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to a four-year term. Kemper replaces outgoing Director Dr. Kathryn Matthew whose term had expired. Every four years the director role rotates between a library professional and a museum professional. [Read more.](#)

## 4. PEC Conference Registration Open

The 2020 Preserving Early Childhood Conference is an Early Childhood Collaborative Event in its 17<sup>th</sup> year sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The goal of the conference is to provide opportunities for professionals to network and learn ways to promote and implement play and developmentally appropriate practices in the early care and education field. [Read more.](#)

## 5. Increase for IMLS Funding

On December 20, 2019, the federal fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget passed Congress, and it included an increase of \$10 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) with \$6.2 million of that increase going to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program. The total for

the Grants to States program – the single largest component of the IMLS budget – rose to a total of \$166,803,000. This investment in public libraries from the federal IMLS to state and territory libraries is granted based on their population. [Read more](#).

## **6. 33rd Annual Book Fest Set for March 10-11 (repeat)**

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.