



### **1. Library Legislative Day - Register Soon**

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. The registration deadline is Monday, January 17.

### **2. “Guide to Homelessness Training” Now Available**

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](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) or 920-455-0668.

### **3. Deadline Extended for Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities**

Are you interested in applying for the state-wide community engagement training opportunity that could help bring you and your library to the next level? With the extensive holiday season falling in the middle of the original application period, perhaps you need a little more time to complete your application? Done!

The deadline for the [WLTC community engagement training](#) applications, for both Coach and Team applicants, has been extended by one week. The new deadline is Friday, January 17 at 5 PM.

Please don’t hesitate to get information or have your questions answered by Cindy Fesemyer at DPI: 608-266-8053 or [cindy.fesemyer@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:cindy.fesemyer@dpi.wi.gov).

### **4. Inclusive Internship Application Opening**

The Public Library Association’s Inclusive Internship Initiative (III) offers paid, summer-long internships to high school students at their local public library. Over the course of the summer, each intern works with his or her library mentor on a community-based learning project. Through III, students from diverse backgrounds are introduced to careers in librarianship, library mentors practice leadership skills, and host libraries grow new audiences through outreach and programming. [Read more.](#)

## **5. WISCAT User Group Meetings Set for 2020**

The quarterly WISCAT User Group meetings for 2020 have been scheduled. Different days of the week and meeting times have been chosen in an effort to cover different library staff schedules. Agendas and log on information will be sent two weeks before the scheduled date.

Wednesday, February 12, 10-11am

Thursday, May 7, 11-12am

Tuesday, August 4, 1-2pm

Tuesday, November 10, 10-11am

## **6. Overdrive's New Owners: What It Means**

OverDrive, the largest commercial provider of ebooks and other digital content to libraries, issued a surprise announcement on December 24 about a pending change in its ownership. The company's current owner Rakuten—a Japanese online retailing company—has entered a definitive agreement to sell OverDrive to KKR, a major US-based investment firm. This news on the digital lending front has sparked considerable interest and raised numerous questions from the library community. [Read more.](#)

## **7. Upcoming Webinar from Webjunction**

Dissent and conflict are critical components of progress and are catalysts that move individuals, institutions, and communities toward systemic change. Author Cass Sunstein writes, "Behavior that is sensible, prudent, and courteous is likely to lead individuals and societies to blunder." Librarianship, on the whole, is prone to such behavior, choosing conformity over conflict, and inertia over action. Authentic dissent in librarianship can be a catalyst to facilitate positive change against systemic oppression in libraries, and in society at large. [Read more.](#)

## **8. YSS Regional Meet Up (repeat)**

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.](#)