



## 1. Save the Date for “Streamline for Success”

We all want our library services to be strong and strategic, but how do you ensure that your library is producing meaningful, intentional services that support your mission, rather than simply falling into the traps of “more is more” or “we’ve always done it this way”? This all-day workshop will lead participants through perspectives on creating and implementing mission-driven library services. Participants will have an immediate opportunity to put their learning into practice at this hands-on workshop, with several dates and locations being available.

Presenters: Kelsey Johnson-Kaiser (St. Paul Public Library) and Amy Koester (Skokie Public Library)

Tuesday, May 5: New Berlin Public Library

Wednesday, May 6: Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point

Thursday, May 7: The Lodge at Mauston

Friday, May 8: Rice Lake Public Library

Stay tuned for more information.

## 2. Sneak Peek Screen Shots of Online Census 2020 Form

Please follow [this link to preview images of the 2020 Census online questionnaire](#) courtesy of the Community Connect Labs blog page. This is a great resource to view before assisting the public during the Census response season. You might consider designating a specific computer station as a Census response station and place resources from Census.gov in the area to assist with questions. Remember that [WVLS has a webpage](#) dedicated to 2020 Census resources.

## 3. WPLC Announcements

- At the last meeting the WPLC Steering Committee approved not renewing the BiblioBoard package. This includes the following: WI Author Project (Contest), BiblioBoard Library, Pressbooks (ebook formatting and creation software), SELF-e. WPLC’s subscription to these resources will end in March. More information will be coming out soon regarding current pressbook users and their options to download their content or purchase a user license.
- The 2019 Wisconsin Indie Author award-winning title, [The Light of our Yesterdays](#) by Ken Hansen, is now available in OverDrive as an unlimited simultaneous use ebook. The Light of Our

Yesterdays is a speculative fiction novel about terrorists, religion, parallel universes, tolerance, and discovering ourselves and our beliefs. “This book will appeal to fans of Dan Brown and Tom Clancy.” The title will be featured on the homepage of OverDrive until February 13, 2020.

#### **4. WVLS February Newsletter**

The WVLS February newsletter is [now available online](#). Features include: LAWDS Workshops, WVLS Scholarships, Crandon going “Fine Free” on children’s materials, and more!

#### **5. Wisconsin Library Services and Technology Act allocation exceeds \$3 million**

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. Since that post, the Census state population estimates were released. This allowed IMLS to finalize the 2020 Grants to States allotment table. Because of this increase in base funding, Wisconsin’s population changes relative to other states, and redistribution of maintenance of effort (MOE) funds from other states, Wisconsin’s 2020 allocation is expected to be \$3,011,929 – an increase from 2019’s allocation of \$2,917,382 and 2018’s allocation of \$2,879,721 – an increase of \$132,208 from the last two awards. [Read more](#).

#### **6. PLSR Work Continues**

DPI staff continue to work internally to set the stage for future success in implementing PLSR recommendations. [Read the article](#) for updates on PLSR-related activities.

#### **7. WVLS Conference Scholarships Now Available (repeat)**

WVLS is pleased to announce the 2020 scholarships for its member libraries. Scholarships are available for the ALA Conference, WLA Conference, WAPL Conference, and the ARSL Conference. The application deadlines are in March, and require your library’s board president signature. [See the WVLS Scholarships and Grants page for more information](#).