



## 1. Save the Date for WAPL 2020

The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) will hold its annual conference April 29 - May 1, 2020 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center in Oshkosh, WI!

The conference offers all kinds of possibilities for fellowship and professional development. In addition to a multitude of informational sessions to choose from, WAPL is excited to feature Gail Santy as the opening Keynote Speaker. Gail Santy is a certified 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace trainer and will give you the tools you need to increase performance, morale, and job satisfaction, by showing genuine appreciation for your employees, trustees, and yourself.

[Check out the hotel accommodation page](#) and make your plans to join WAPL 2020 in Oshkosh.

## 2. 2020 Census Updates

- In the coming weeks, all library locations in Wisconsin will be receiving a small stack of handbills about Census 2020. These are meant for patrons, especially those who might need a heads up that the Census is coming. Please also browse the [WVLS 2020 Census page](#) for printable resources and timelines.
- On February 12, ALA released "[Responding to the Census](#)" (PDF). The two-page tip sheet explains options for responding to the 2020 Census and outlines how library staff can assist patrons with accessing the questionnaire. Self-response begins March 12: use the new tip sheet to get prepared!

## 3. Group Supply Order Opportunity Due This Friday

The IFLS Library System has offered our libraries the opportunity to participate in their annual group supply order to take advantage of the generous discounts they get with this large order. Check your stock carefully and order what you will need for the next year.

A big thank you goes to Kathy Setter and IFLS Library System for offering this opportunity to help library budgets stretch just that much further. [Please follow these instructions](#) on completing the form. The form is due this Friday, Feb. 28.

#### **4. Wisconsin State Standards and Inclusive Services Guide Workshops**

Learn how to use the Wisconsin State Standards and the Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide for your library's evaluation, planning and advocacy. These invaluable documents can be overwhelming. John Thompson and Leah Langby will help you understand them, break them down, and put them to practical use for your library in this hands-on workshop.

[Please register for the session](#) that works best for your location and/or schedule.

Wednesday, March 18, 1:30-3:30 pm, Altoona Public Library ([register](#) by March 13)

Thursday, April 2, 1:30-3:30 pm, River Falls Public Library ([register](#) by March 30)

Tuesday, April 7, 1:30-3:30 pm, Phillips Public Library ([register](#) by April 3)

#### **5. LSTA Advisory Council Members Sought**

The Division for Libraries and Technology (DLT) currently seeks applicants to fill current and upcoming vacancies on the Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Council (LSTAAC).

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is committed to representing the diversity of Wisconsin on the LSTAAC to deepen our understanding of Wisconsin's diverse population and explore ways we can transform our daily work to promote genuine equity in public libraries. This group advises DPI on effective ways to carry out the LSTA Five-Year Plan.. If you believe your insight and experience would enhance the diversity of this committee, please consider applying. [For more information, read more.](#) Please send any digital application forms or nominations to [Samantha.link@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Samantha.link@dpi.wi.gov).

#### **6. Now Available: 2019 WISCAT Statistics**

WISCAT staff have recently compiled 2019 WISCAT statistics for public libraries, and have shared them with library system staff. For most library systems, these statistics reports will provide numbers that can be included in the Annual Report in fields "Items Loaned to Other Libraries – WISCAT" and "Items Borrowed from Other Libraries – WISCAT" if reporting "Categorized ILL Transactions," or incorporated into your "Total ILL Transactions." [Read more.](#)

#### **7. Harrison Ford Promotes Libraries in New PSA**

Harrison Ford is the latest celebrity to lend his support to our nation's libraries. In a new video PSA, "The Call of the Wild" star highlights how libraries are full of adventure. Ford encourages the public to visit their local library to discover epic stories through books, movies, and games. The PSA is [available for download](#). Please share the PSA on your website, social media, and more. "The Call of the Wild" opens in theaters February 21.