



### 1) Social Media Shares Available for November Election

In last week's "Staying Together" Discussion on voting, it was indicated that social media shares would be helpful. Anne and Kris created several shares that can be used by your library. You can access them on the [WVLS Advocacy webpage](#) under the toggle (right-hand side) "2020 November Election Social Shares." Thanks, Anne and Kris!

### 2) New Digital Byte

Anne talks about how to create and share a Google Form, in the latest Digital Byte. You can [view it here](#).

### 3) Changing WISCAT due dates

There was a conversation happening on the WISCAT Listserv last week about the need to extend due dates for WISCAT items to accommodate the time it takes for quarantine and travel. Rachel sent a video via email that shows you how to set up WISCAT to do that automatically.

You can also find the [Ramping-up WISCAT ILL document](#) useful from the WISCAT team at DPI, as well as the [documentation for changing due dates](#) in WISCAT.

It is important that all WISCAT libraries have at least one staff member receiving and reading the emails on the WISCAT listserv. To sign up for the listserv, [follow the steps on this webpage](#). Please contact Rachel Metzler if you have questions at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org).

### 4) Wisconsin Libraries Are For Everyone Blog Posts

- Are you creating a district long-range plan for library services? Are you on a new pathway to library media specialist licensure? Do you want to increase your capacity as a Future Ready Librarian and demonstrate the importance of your role in any learning environment? If you are answering "yes" to any of these questions, please apply for this amazing experience. The Department of Public Instruction and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) are collaborating to support Wisconsin school librarians by again providing the opportunity to take the ISTE U course, Exploring Future Ready Librarianship: Practices for the Emerging Leader during the 2020-21 school year with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. [Read more](#).
- The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) is a unique and vital gathering place for books, ideas, and expertise in the field of children's and young adult literature. The CCBC is part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education, and receives additional support from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. As the CCBC is one of our vital partners, DPI is

thrilled to share the announcement of their new, greatly enhanced website with our school and public library colleagues. [Read more.](#)

- Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase in incidents of harassment and assault against Asian Americans, international students, and visitors from Asia has been reported by the Anti-Defamation League and other organizations. Fostering a better understanding of East Asia and its peoples is part of the core mission of the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. To further this mission, CEAS is working with the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA), the Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC), and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s Library Team (DPI) to pilot a new initiative: *East Asia in Wisconsin Program*. The initiative supports collection development and programming at public libraries that will enrich understanding of East Asia in local communities. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to public libraries in Wisconsin. [Read more.](#)

## 5) Professional Development

- **Strengthen Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Practice Through Self-Paced Learning**

Tuesday, Sept. 15; 2 p.m.

While classroom training has an important place in library staff education, learning is extended and reinforced when staff have the opportunity to work through difficult topics outside of the classroom. In order to support staff learning about issues of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI), Multnomah County Library has developed a “Racially Just” toolkit, containing activities staff can use to learn and practice on their own, with colleagues, or in their staff groups. The toolkit workbooks include information and activities related to bias, microaggressions, allyship and cross-cultural communication, as well as a workbook focused on learning about Native American and Alaska Native people and communities. [Register here.](#)

- SEWI Library Systems presented a webinar on August 5 called “HR Issues in the Time of COVID-19. WVLS member librarians who viewed this said it was beneficial and well done. [You can view the recording here.](#)
- Wisconsin Trustee Training Week wrapped up last week. If you missed a webinar, you can find the recordings, slides and pre-filled activity sheets for certification [on the conference website.](#)

## 6) Google 2020 .Org Impact Award

Because libraries have an active .ORG domain, they are eligible to apply for a Google 2020 .ORG Impact Award, from the Public Interest Registry, for a chance to be recognized. Award recipients will be recognized for their positive impact across 10 categories, including Combating Coronavirus, Promoting Education, Fighting Hunger and Poverty, and more. [Submit your application](#) by Friday, Sept. 4.

## 7) Scholarship Deadlines This Friday

- [Back in Circulation Again Conference](#), hosted by the Information School at UW-Madison, will be entirely online, on October 19-20. To be eligible for one of five scholarships provided by WVLS, [complete the short Google Form](#) and submit by 5 p.m. this Friday.

- [“Lead the Way: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement”](#) will be held virtually on November 16-17. The scholarship does not include the post-conference workshop. To be eligible for one of two scholarships, provided by the Wisconsin DPI, [complete the short Google Form](#) and submit by 5 p.m. this Friday.