



1) WVLS Office Hours and Courier

The WVLS Office will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1.

Waltco is closed on Friday, Jan. 1. Courier will not be running on this day.

2) New Digital Byte

Do you need to do prize or give-away drawings in the library? Do your parents need help with prioritizing homework with their kids? [Jamie talks about a fun tool](#) that can help you make these decisions.

3) WPLC Library Staff Survey

Do you assist your patrons with Libby, the OverDrive app and Wisconsin's Digital Library?

If so, the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) seeks your valued feedback on the collection of materials in Wisconsin's Digital Library. Your input, drawing from your knowledge of patrons, will help guide us as we continue to grow and develop the collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and other digital materials so it is most relevant to Wisconsin library patrons.

[Please take the short survey.](#) The survey will be open through January 8, 2021.

4) Webinar This Week

[Video Production: Tools, Tips and Tricks](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30

5) Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice

Barriers to civil legal justice disproportionately affect low-income people in the US, creating the justice gap—the divide between the civil legal needs of low-income people and access to the resources to meet those needs. Public libraries are well-positioned to help reduce this gap.

WebJunction is offering a series of self-paced courses that will strengthen public library staff's knowledge and ability to help identify when there is a civil legal issue at play and how to direct library users to relevant, helpful information and services. [Read more.](#)

6) Media Literacy in the Library

Released in November 2020 by the American Library Association, "Media Literacy in the Library: A Guide for Library Practitioners" contains information, program ideas and conversation starters on topics like misinformation and disinformation; architecture of the internet; civics; media landscape and economics; and media creation and engagement. The 30-page guide also explores ways to "meet patrons where they are" by integrating media literacy into reference interactions and existing programs. [Download the guide here.](#)

7) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar (repeat)

Resolving Liberal vs. Conservative Conflict in the Workplace: Lessons from the Rwandan Genocide
1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Do some of your staff struggle to work together because of the political divides of 2020? If Rwanda can find ways to heal division after genocide, we can learn from them!

[Pre-registration is required.](#)