



1) SSCS Conference Accepting Proposals

The 2021 WLA Support Staff and Circulation Services (SSCS) Virtual One-Day Professional Development Conference will be held Thursday, May 27. This one-day conference will be held virtually, and the theme will be “Supporting and Serving Through Challenges.”

The conference planning committee is now accepting proposals and recommendations for presentations, panels, and workshops. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: diverse hiring practices, adaptivity to constant change, how to approach state, federal, and city mandates, living in a virtual world, how to advocate for those without a voice, virtual fatigue, and staying relevant with limited services.

Presenters should fill out the [online registration form](#) by Friday, March 26. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by Friday, April 16. Contact Cynthia at carauz@lacrosselibrary.org if you have any questions.

2) Youth Services Meetup on Wednesday

The next Youth Services Meet Up will be from 1 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. The group will be discussing all things related to summer library programs.

[Join the meeting online](#), or dial in using your phone. +1 (571) 317-3122, Access Code:126-430-797.

3) Survey About Shoutbomb

Libraries are [invited to complete a survey](#) to provide feedback about the frequency and schedule for Shoutbomb voice/text notices. The survey will help WVLS select notice schedules that will work for multiple libraries. The survey closes on Friday, March 5.

4) New Digital Lite & Byte

- Your library is 10 months into the current pandemic. What are the pain points? What changes can you make right now for a better, safer user and staff experience? [Check out Anne's latest Digital Lite Boost](#) on tips for building changes.
- In the latest Digital Byte, [Jamie talks about how to find your library's Facebook Insights](#) and what they mean for your library's page.

5) Ancestry Library Edition Home Access Extended

Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working

remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until June 30, 2021 and will continue to be re-evaluated. [Read more.](#)

6) Staying Together' Next Week

The next "Staying Together" Discussion for WVLS member library directors or a proxy will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2. The topic will be in next week's Monday Mentions.

7) This Week's Webinars

- [Building the Next Normal: A Library Journal Day-Long Summit](#) - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23
- [Using Routines to Help Children Adjust After COVID Closures](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24
- [Strategies to Keep Remote Workers Engaged and Effective](#) - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25
- [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Public Library](#), 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25
- [Big Talk from Small Libraries Conference](#), Friday, Feb. 26

8) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar: Service Animals

Service Animals: Your Obligations Under the ADA

Thursday, March 11 at 1 p.m.

Some of the topics covered:

- Which types of animals are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?
- What are the two questions you can legally ask? (Yes, there are only two!)
- Can you legally exclude a service animal if it growls, poops, sets off someone's allergies, or scares someone with a phobia?

Please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the pre-registration link. A recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live event.

9) Free Online Games for Kids from ALA and FINRA Foundation

The American Library Association (ALA), in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, has released a collection of free online games to teach children basic financial skills related to earning, saving and spending money.

The four interactive games, part of a series called Thinking Money for Kids, designed for children ages 7 to 11, but are appropriate for other ages as well. Library workers are invited to use the games for in-person or virtual programming or to share them on library websites or social media. [Read more.](#)

10) Marketing Updates

- If your library's accounts are compromised, it's critical to gain control back as soon as possible. [Read Angela's post.](#) so you and your fellow staff members will know what to do.

- In this episode, Angela responds to the common misconception that a library can send too many emails and annoy their cardholders. Libraries are the exception to the email marketing rule. [Watch the video](#).
- Quick Tip: Print media, such as newsletters, are more ideal for events that have happened at your library. Social media is more ideal for events that have yet to happen.

11) Upcoming WVLS Online Trainings (repeat)

- **Create Lists and Rapid Update**; 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 4
[Join on your computer](#) or by phone: +1 (312) 757-3121 Access Code: 969-066-485
- **Overlaying Bibliographic Records**; 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10
Please complete [this webform](#) to register.

12) WVLS/IFLS Makerspace Collection Available for libraries (repeat)

The WVLS/IFLS Makerspace Collection is available for circulation to libraries to support programs, storytimes, and other efforts where equipment is needed.

For more information about the collection and guidance for how to sign up and book, please follow this link: <https://wvls.org/equipment-for-booking/>.