

Director's Report

WVLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 15, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE

2021 State Aid

WVLS was notified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction that our **second 2021 State Aid Payment** in the amount of \$220,079 was approved. This payment allows WVLS to continue to carry out this year's system plan as approved earlier by DPI's Library Services Team. Public library system funding is provided from the Universal Service Fund.

Notes of Appreciation

2021 Spring Webinar Series

Debbie Valine, Rhinelander District Library Associate Director's response to Jamie Matczak's announcement for upcoming webinars: *"These April webinars all look excellent and are very timely. Thanks to WVLS for partnering to sponsor these!"*

Infographic Services

Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library Director, let **Anne Hamland** know how much she appreciated the infographic she created that focused on welcoming patrons back to the library's space. Kay's email stated: *"Thank you so much! This looks fantastic! I love it. This would have taken me weeks."*

WVLS Presentation for WAPL Conference Presenters

Teresa Schmidt, Mercer Public Library Director and WAPL Conference Chair thanked Jamie for her "Top Tips for Online Presentations" webinar for conference presenters stating, *"That was great, Jamie! ... Thank you again for all the time and effort you put into this, and for offering to help our presenters with sound checks and slide deck reviews, too. I really appreciate that you're willing to contribute that time to our conference."*

Also, **Sara Klemann** of the WAPL Program Committee sent Jamie a thank you note which said, *"On behalf of the WAPL Conference team, I wanted to thank you for the wonderful workshop you provided to our presenters. I know your coaching and guidance is going to make this year's WAPL wonderful!"*

COVID-19 Update

Effective Monday, April 19, Waltco (the vendor used by WVLS for intra-system delivery service) ended its quarantine of materials for WVLS libraries, based on the recommendation in the [Wisconsin Public Libraries Reopening Guide](#). Bins continue to be labeled with the time and date they are closed.

WVLS Information Shared Statewide

DPI Project Coordinator **Carl Jaskolski** shared Anne Hamland's "**Meet Your Partner's Workforce Resources**," available [here](#), with LAWDS (Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills) Super Pac members as a helpful tool to organize meetings with workforce development representatives.

The **Youth Services Section** (YSS) of the Wisconsin Library Association shared this WVLS Resource [Google Document](#) about **StoryWalks**® in a April blog post. Developed by Anne Hamland, this comprehensive document covers such things as copyright considerations, book choices and book permissions, and mounting methods and shares examples of StoryWalks® offered by member libraries.



WVLS Newsletter Highlights

Published in the first week of the month, the **WVLS Newsletter** showcases ways that WVLS member libraries are providing service and supporting their communities.

The [April newsletter](#) shared these articles: "Antigo Celebrates National Library Week," "Library Director Completes Gale Course for Certification," "MCPL Revamps Virtual Storytimes," "WAPL Conference Registration Now Open," and "Public Services Webinar Series this Month."

The [May issue](#) featured this news: "MCPL Creates Poet-Tree Program," "Owen Welcomes a Furry Friend," "New Makerspace Kits Added," "WVLS Members Participate in Library Stories," and "ARSL Conference to Be Held In-Person."

WVLS libraries are welcome to submit upcoming or past programs, and new initiatives or services to **Jamie Matczak** for future newsletters. Current and past issues of the newsletter are available on the [WVLS website](#).

PEOPLE and LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

IFLS Staff Member Receives Beacon Award

Kathy Setter, IFLS Library System ILS Project Manager, was recognized with the Beacon Award at the March 23 opening session of the 2021 IUG (Innovative User Group) Conference. The award "honor[s] exceptional service to the Innovative Users Community through presentations, collaboration, selfless dedication to libraries as a whole, and sage advice to others via the IUG List. While a great implementation is the product of a great employee, the IUG Beacon Award will acknowledge great community members – people who help others attain greatness and share the knowledge that she/he gained in the process."

Congratulations, Kathy!

Congratulations to the Kenosha Public Library, Finalist for IMLS National Medal

The Kenosha Public Library is one of 30 in an elite list of finalists for the prestigious 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Service, the National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

In his letter of recommendation, Assistant State Superintendent Kurt Kiefer stated:

"The Kenosha Public Library spent the last six years deeply committed to and heavily involved in the county's Strive Together initiative, Building Our Future. Immersion in this collective impact partnership forced the library to critically reexamine its policies, services, staffing, and collections through an equity lens. Previous to COVID, the Kenosha Public Library formed a team for Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities that pairs a young African American librarian and the Manager of Community Engagement for Building Our Future, also a young African American professional. Together they are working in the heart of the Uptown neighborhood, the area most hard hit in the recent civil unrest, talking with the neighborhood residents about what they need and how the library can help. These two men hold the deep relationships within the community that empowered them to help a local, long-standing City Councilman meet his primarily Black Uptown constituents for the first time. They are the ones trying to bring the local police department to the table for community conversations. Their efforts received state and national attention when elected officials pointed to their work as shining examples of the power of community organizing in the face of adversity.

I am convinced that the leadership and staff at the Kenosha Public Library make a discernible difference in the lives of Kenosha residents. They rose to the twin challenges of COVID-19 and racially fueled civil unrest. They face local challenges side-by-side with the people they serve. I heartily recommend the Kenosha Public Library as a recipient of the IMLS National Medal."

Since 1996, the award has honored 170 institutions that demonstrated innovative approaches to public service. To date, Wisconsin has received four of these medals:

- 2018 Outagamie County Historical Society, Appleton, WI
- **2017 Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI**
- 2016 Madison Public Library, Madison, WI
- 2011 Madison Children's Museum, Madison, WI

National Medal winners will be announced later this month, and an open virtual ceremony and celebration will be held this summer. (edited from *WI Libraries for Everyone* blog; 3/19/2021)

MCPL SYSTEM INVESTIGATION

The next meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on **Monday, May 17 at 12:00 pm**. The agenda and information packet for this meeting are available [here](#).
[Agenda](#) [Packet \(including April, 19, 2021, March 5, 2021 and March 15, 2021 Minutes\)](#)

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by computer may join the meeting by using this link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/734474941> or by calling (Toll Free) 1 866 899 4679 or 1 571 317 3116. The Access Code for the meeting is 734 74 4941.

A WVLS [April 15 Update](#) announced the **April 19** MCPL Board meeting and alerted readers that the agenda included this item: "**(10 minutes) Follow-up on timeline for public hearing on system change motion - For Discussion and Possible Action.**"

The minutes from the April 19 MCPL Board meeting, received on May 11, state:

"Follow-up on timeline for public hearing on system change motion. We have gone through the process with the task force of looking at system membership, our board has also gone through the process of voting. In my conversations with county administration, we felt the best plan moving forward would be to communicate with municipalities and have listening sessions so we can learn more from the public and also help them understand why this recommendation was made. A motion was made by Jeff Campo; seconded by Sharon Hunter to allow Ralph to start the process to inform the public in informational meetings about the reason we made the motion to move to a new system. Motion carried." (The speaker using "my" is MCPL Director Ralph Illick)

WVLS has not yet been made aware of any dates and times for the anticipated informational meetings / listening sessions with the public.

The minutes from the March 15 MCPL Board meeting regarding the "Statement Concerning Public Library System Effectiveness" state:

*"Last month we made a motion to sign the annual report and check the box of discussing this with DPI. Apparently, we need to make a decision of Yes or No. Library Director Illick stated that he thinks we should check the box that says they were effective. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECONDED BY GARY BEASTROM TO CHECK THE BOX YES FOR SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS. MOTION CARRIED.**"*

The motion passed 6-0.

WVLS has noticed that the [draft April 2021 SCLS Board meeting minutes](#) state:

*"Marathon County has postponed making a decision to join SCLS. M. Nelson inquired how this decision will affect the northern delivery hub. PLSR is moving forward on their statewide delivery plan with the southern hub to be completed first and the northern hub later. **SCLS is interested in having the northern delivery hub at Marathon County and we can pursue it independently of PLSR.**"*

We find this to be puzzling. It should be noted that the Wisconsin Public Library System Redesign Project (PLSR) that is being implemented by DPI is a result of a three-year study process whereby workgroups of experts and other stakeholders thoroughly studied how public library system services are provided in Wisconsin and around the country. Workgroups identified desired service outcomes, designed service models to improve how services are delivered and determined how new service models could be implemented in the most equitable and affordable way for all public libraries and public library systems across the state.

When SCLS shared a price quote for their courier service with representatives from MCPL, WVLS, IFLS Library System and Northern Waters Library Service in early 2019, their projected cost to replace Waltco

as MCPL courier was significantly higher than what WVLS currently pays Waltco for the same routes. At that time, the proposal was rejected.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Wisconsin Library Association's Library Development and Legislation (LD&L) Committee fielded teams at three in-person public hearings scheduled by the legislative Joint Finance Committee (JFC). Click on the following links for video clips of their excellent two minutes of testimony linking state public library system aid to local library success. Beloit Public Library Director **Nick Dimassis** and Oconomowoc Public Library Director **Betsy Bleck** covered [JFC - Whitewater](#) on April 9. Northern Waters Library Service Director **Sherry Machones** and Mercer Public Library Director **Teresa Schmidt** covered [JFC - Rhinelander](#) on April 21. River Falls Public Library Adult Services & Circulation Librarian **Heather Johnson** and IFLS Library System Director **John Thompson** covered [JFC - Menomonie](#) on April 22. Registration for the JFC Virtual Hearing scheduled for April 28 was opened at 10:00 AM on April 19, filled its quota of 200 reservations approximately 20 minutes later and closed.

On May 6, JFC members removed more than 380 new fiscal policy items from the Governor's executive budget in a party-line vote, signaling an anticipated reset to using current spending levels approved in 2019 as a starting point. JFC revisions to individual state agency requests are underway. The WLA LD&L budget team continues to meet with legislative leadership and staff, as well as keep in touch with key library champions at the JFC table who can gather support for and make the necessary motions to secure increased system aid and other library item requests in the committee's version of the budget. The committee's recommendations will then be debated in the Assembly and Senate with the legislature's final package forwarded to the Governor's desk. The majority party in both houses lacks sufficient votes to override gubernatorial line-item vetoes. To meet the state's budgetary cycle, the final version should be signed and effective by July 1. However, if that deadline is not met, the current budget remains in effect until a new one is signed as there is no government shutdown provision under Wisconsin statute.

WVLS PROJECTS

Speaking Engagements

Jamie Matczak will be teaching a Continuing Education course called *Having Difficult Workplace Conversations* for the iSchool at UW-Madison this summer. This four-week course examines topics such as when it is time to have a difficult conversation, starting a difficult conversation, how to stay calm, and approaching people resistant to talking. This is the fifth occasion Jamie has taught this course for the iSchool. Also, **Tina Kakuske**, Director of the Door County Public Library, asked her to speak about **customer service for a staff training** on Friday, September 9. Door County is a consolidated county library system with 8 locations throughout Door County. Jamie will speak for 90 minutes, and the presentation will likely be virtual. Lastly, **Katharine Clark**, Head of Programming and Community Engagement at the Beloit Public Library, asked Jamie to speak about **difficult conversations** at their

monthly staff training on Friday, September 24. The presentation will be for 75 minutes and done virtually.

Youth Services Staff Tackle Compelling Topics During Virtual Meetups

There have been two virtual youth services meetups since the WVLS Board meeting in March. On March 25, 15 librarians serving youth discussed the Seuss Enterprises' announcement that six Dr. Seuss titles would no longer be published, and other **hurtful, racist titles** authored by him and others. There was great dialogue on this topic that included consideration of resources from professional sources, the Children's Cooperative Book Center (CCBC), and the Wisconsin Department of Instruction.

On April 26, 16 librarians met to share and brainstorm on all aspects of **summer library programs**. Librarians shared plans for arranging in-person and virtual performances, working with city departments, and reaching out to local 4-H chapters to create local recipes for summertime success. Anne Hamland shared templates to assist with marketing the summer program theme: Tails and Tales.

Librarians also compared **formats to offer the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program**. Many libraries that offer the program traditionally provide a physical paper log of some kind for participants. Libraries recently began using the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten template in the new Beanstack app and web platform in addition to the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten app developed by the Bridges Library System a few years ago. The consensus was that although the Beanstack app is very convenient for hosting the program as it also hosts the summer program and other reading challenges, there is far less communication, interaction, and celebration between participants and librarians. Readers who use the Beanstack or Bridges app report progress less frequently and claim significantly fewer reading progress prizes when compared to readers and families who use and cherish the physical, paper reading log.

WVLS Technology – Internal Projects

Infrastructure Upgrades

The 10Gbps upgrade to one of the WiscNet interconnects at the datacenter (previously postponed due to COVID exposure and self-quarantine measures by a key engineer) is being rescheduled for the week of May 24, 2021. Much of the staging effort is already completed.

Service Explorations

Document and Documentation Management within the Github suite of services is being reviewed. The Github service is already in use for storing certain code and scripts (e.g., for the Dashboard) and Github supports a powerful documentation system.

V-Cat Projects

The **V-Cat Steering Committee** met on Thursday, March 18 to discuss the proposed 2022 V-Cat Budget. Minutes of the meeting are provided in the meeting packet under Reports.

The V-Cat Council met on Thursday, April 1. Meeting highlights include:

- The proposed 2022 V-Cat Budget was reviewed and will be presented for approval at the June meeting.
- **Jenny Jochimson** (Abbotsford) was elected as the 2021 V-Cat Council Chair Elect / 2022 V-Cat Council Chair.
- A recommendation from the **Cooperative Circulation Committee** that member libraries should not use **Claims Returned** for items owned by other libraries was passed.
- Due to significantly reduced materials quarantine, the Council voted to discontinue use of the 'Give Precedence to Local Holds' function.
- The Council asked WVLS, with assistance from the V-Cat Bibliographic and V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committees, to begin preliminary stages of ILS evaluation and review.
- Information about a new Innovative mobile app available for libraries and consortiums to purchase was shared.

Rachel Metzler continues to work with libraries on the subject headings project. Libraries already using Z39.50 for cataloging have received consultations and training. Consultations have also been offered to libraries who are not currently using Z39.50 cataloging. A form has been created for libraries to request assistance when an item does not have an available record with subject headings or when available subject headings are offensive or outdated.

Katie Zimmermann attended Innovative User Group Conference in March. Rachel attended Load Profile training with Innovative in May. Rachel provided MARC Alert Cataloging training to V-Cat libraries in April and will provide Z39.50 training in May.

An error was discovered in the V-Cat Circulation Report calculation: 'Total Circ of ILL items sent to another library (PCode 4-ILL Circ)', 'Total Circ of Items Sent to Wiscat & V-Cat Libraries', and 'Total Circ of Items Sent to Other V-Cat Libraries.' This only affects the V-Cat Totals Report. The error does not affect any information necessary for DPI reports, cost per circulation, or county reimbursements for nonresident circulations. Corrections will be shared for the 2020 and 2021 Year to Date V-Cat Circulation Reports.

WVLS will begin a preliminary ILS evaluation and review by first gathering feedback from member libraries to assess challenges experienced with Sierra, and secondly by investigating the functionality of Sierra and other products in the reported challenge areas. Following the investigation, a report will be presented to the V-Cat Council, and next steps will be determined. If V-Cat Council chooses to pursue another product, committees will be formed to review potential products, and prepare for migration. Milwaukee County Federated Library Service is currently involved in an ILS evaluation and review process and WVLS has been invited to participate. A staff survey to evaluate user experience with Sierra, areas for product improvement, and openness to change is being developed for each system. At the April meeting, OWLSNet administrator Amanda Lee shared about their system's experience with and process for ILS review, evaluation, selection, and migration from Sierra to CARL-X.

Libraries were offered options for the schedule and frequency of **Shoutbomb text and phone notices** in April, based on results from a survey of member libraries' preferences. All requested changes have been made.

After learning about holds functionality issues present in Sierra 5.2 that would affect multiple libraries, WVLS staff determined it would be beneficial to wait to upgrade until Sierra 5.3 is available. Sierra 5.3 is expected for release in April 2021 and will offer improved functionality for managing holds.

The transition to **uniform checkout periods** passed by the V-Cat Council in February and September of 2020 continues.

Completed (in order):

Loyal
Rib Lake
Abbotsford
Three Lakes
Antigo
Greenwood
Crandon
Minocqua

Scheduled:

June – Granton
August – Thorp
September – Colby, Wabeno,
Gilman, Stetsonville
October – Medford, Tomahawk
November – Merrill

Not Yet Scheduled:

Dorchester
Laona
Marathon County
Neillsville
Owen
Rhineland
Westboro

Inclusive Services Update

Sherry Machones shared an Inclusive Services Update with member libraries in March and April. The **March Update** shared links about the historical oppression that Wisconsin librarian Louise Butler Walker endured and what we can do to combat current racist library policies, and instructions on how to turn on automatic transcriptions in Zoom. The **April Update** featured the IDEA Team's *Digital Byte* [video training](#) on inclusive terminology, the first in a series of training videos that will be produced throughout the year on inclusive topics. The April Update also provided articles on banned and challenged books, accessibility and disability resources, and indigenous connections. Both updates also shared several inclusive continuing education opportunities, articles, and upcoming diverse holidays. The next IDEA Team meeting is scheduled for May 13.

Workforce Development Services

LAWDS Workforce Development Project Continues

The Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) project is revisiting opportunities for workforce development and library teams to meet each other with virtual options in 2021. Anne Hamland continues to work with partners from library systems and workforce development to offer virtual workshops for staffs from each agency to learn more about what their partner offers in serving job seekers and employers. Browse the [Meet Your Partners: Workforce Resources](#) webpage to tour the content from the April 27 workshop, the first in a series of three opportunities for WVLS member libraries to attend.

Support to Communities: Recovery through Workforce Development

In January of 2020, the West Central, Northwest, and Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Boards approached WVLS, IFLS, and NWLS to join as partners in a \$1 million grant for opioid work in the area. Over the next four years, library systems will participate on regional task forces as a “partner to implement innovative approaches for addressing the economic and workforce-related impacts on local communities affected by the opioid and substance misuse and abuse epidemic.” Currently, Project Coordinators from each workforce region are presenting “Support to Communities: Recovery through Workforce Development” program details and eligibility at each of the three Meet Your Partners: Workforce Resources workshops.

Grant Projects

FY20/21 CARES Act Grants to States (G2S) – COVID Response Support

As of this writing, WVLS is behind schedule with the project overviews/reporting survey but anticipate having the survey ready and in process of collecting submissions during the week of May 10. A report of libraries that have submitted reimbursement information, and identifying those which still need to, will be available this same week and published on the LEAN WI – [CARES Act Grant page](#).

FY20/21 LSTA – Technology – Increase Capacity for Technology Tools and Resources Sparsity Aid

Network switching capital has not yet been procured. LEAN WI technology admins are meeting mid-May to discuss options for repurposing the balance originally designated for those switches to one or more other eligible projects with a budget revision request to DPI.

FY21/22 ARP Act Grants to States (G2S) – Additional COVID Response Support

DPI is working with stakeholders throughout the Wisconsin library community to scope out service needs and begin developing project proposals. At the time of this writing, DPI does not have an ARP Act information aggregation page similar to its CARES Act page for public library systems and libraries, but these resources have thus far been shared during various stakeholder discussions:

- **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Project Funding Details and Ideas**
<http://leanwi.org/arpa-1>
- **ARPA 2021 DRAFT Budget April 2021** <http://leanwi.org/arpa-2>
- **Project Funding List of Ideas - ARPA, LSTA, E-rate, Build America's Libraries, etc.**
<http://leanwi.org/arpa-3>

The information above will soon be aggregated and shared at <https://leanwi.org/arpa2021>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Digital Bytes

Several new *Digital Bytes*, short training sessions produced by WVLS staff, have been recorded since the March WVLS Board of Trustees meeting and made available online.

- [Scheduling Facebook Posts on Your Mobile Device - Part 2:](#) Jamie instructs how to schedule Facebook posts on a mobile device using Facebook Business Suite.
- [Sliders Accessibility and Mobile Friendly Design:](#) In this *Digital Byte*, Anne shares how to create a website slider while keeping accessibility in mind.
- [Captioning Library Videos:](#) This *Digital Byte* explains why it is important to caption library videos and offers some basic tips.
- [Any IDEA?](#) In this *Digital Byte*, **Laurie Ollhoff** of the T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill) talks about inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility and some common terminology. This is the first byte in a series of trainings the NWLS / WVLS IDEA Team plans to create.

Website Services

Anne Hamland, Joshua Klingbeil, Kris Schwartz (IFLS), and Tony **Kriskovich** (NWLS) are working together to introduce the Northern Waters Library Service libraries to the LEAN WI website service. This service is a perfect match for libraries who do not have staff experienced in web design or maintenance and those looking for ways to stretch their budgets without sacrificing service or quality. A few NWLS libraries with vastly different website needs are already enthusiastically taking advantage of this new service.

Available Now - “Top Tips for Online Presentations” Recorded Webinar

In March, Jamie Matczak shared online presentation tips with this year’s WAPL (Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries) virtual conference speakers in a “Top Tips for Online Presentations” webinar. Because this webinar was well received, Jamie did this presentation as a WVLS recorded webinar, which is available to anyone. It is worth 1 contact hour in public library certification. [View it here.](#)

“Compassion Resilience” Training Update

Jamie Matczak, Laurie Ollhoff (T.B Scott Free Library [Merrill] Assistant Director) and **Lyn Pietila** (Demmer Memorial Library [Three Lakes] Assistant Director) participated in four Compassion Resilience Facilitator Trainings in January and February. The training is intended to help librarians in Wisconsin gain tools to help people manage expectations, set professional and personal boundaries, build effective collegial relationships and practice real-time and organized self-care. The four sessions covered the training circles/modules and best practices in facilitating. Jamie, Laurie and Lyn are in the process of introducing the modules in their staff areas. Jamie will implement six modules for WVLS staff between June - December of 2021.

Public Services Webinar Series a Success

WVLS, Southwest Library System and Northern Waters Library Service held their 2021 Spring Webinar Series on April 15, 22 and 29. The series, which focused on public service, featured webinars on reopening libraries, diversifying library collections, and reader's advisory service. All were well received with live attendance at 72, 66 and 80. The post-webinar recordings and slides can be found on the [WVLS Continuing Education webpage](#).

CE Events in the Works

The following workshops/webinars are in the planning stages:

- August 23-27: **Wisconsin Trustee Training Week**
- September 15-16, 2021: **Tech Days** (virtual) featuring David Kee King
- October 15, 2021: **WVLS Director's Retreat**
- January 26-27, 2022: **Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference**. WVLS is working with **Jean Anderson** (SCLS) and **Leah Langby** (IFLS) on topics and speakers for this annual state conference.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The **T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill) 2020 Annual Report** (shared as **Exhibit 12-A**) does an excellent job of combining strategic plan priorities with outcomes and service data in a visually appealing format.
- The **L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (Eau Claire) Annual Report 2020** (shared as **Exhibit 12-B**) is also interesting as it used these headings to itemize 2020 Outcomes: of "Equity Initiatives," "Pandemic Pivot," "People First," and "More Room for Everyone."
- **State of America's Libraries** – Released annually during National Library Week in April by the American Library Association, this year's issue, "2021 State of America's Libraries Special Report: COVID 19," focuses on the impact of the coronavirus on all types of libraries in 2020. [Read more](#).
- The **Racine Public Library** is featured in the March 2021 *Public Libraries* article "Collaborating to Close the Digital Divide." In this article (shared as **Exhibit 12-C**), the library shares how its collaborations with the Racine Public Library Foundation, Racine Unified School District, Girls Who Code, Gateway Technical College and the City of Racine are helping to bridge the digital divide in the communities it serves.
- ["Can Libraries Require Staff and Patrons to Show Proof of Vaccination?"; LIXpress; May 4, 2021.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 – WVLS/SCLS Cross System Border meeting with MCPL and Marshfield Public Library Directors (Sepnafski)
- **May 4-7 – WAPL (Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries) Virtual Conference** (Hamland, Matczak, Sepnafski)

- May 7 – “Website Capabilities: Your Library’s Superpower” WAPL Conference presentation (Hamland)
- May 7 – NE (LAWD) Regional Team meeting (Hamland)
- May 10 – SOMBAW (System Office Managers and Business Administrators of Wisconsin) meeting (Metzler)
- May 10 – DPI’s System Youth Services Consultants meeting (Hamland)
- May 11 - System Directors/DPI discussion (Sepnafski)
- May 11 – (Virtual) WiscNet Connections 2021 (Klingbeil)
- **May 11 – WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- May 12 – Innovative Load Profile Training (Metzler, Zimmermann)
- May 12 – DPI’s ILL Guidelines Committee meeting (Metzler)
- **May 13 – WVLS V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee meeting** (Zimmermann)
- **May 13 – NWLS / WVLS IDEA Team meeting** (Machones)
- May 13 – WISCAT User Group meeting (Metzler)
- May 13 – DPI meeting with Continuing Education Consultants regarding PLSR Recommendation 7 (Matczak)
- May 14 – COLAND (Council for Libraries and Network Development) meeting (Klingbeil)
- May 14 – WLA’s Library Development and Legislation (LD&L) Committee meeting (Wendt)
- **May 14 – Cataloging / Z39.50 Training** (Metzler)
- **May 15 – WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** (Sepnafski, Klingbeil, Wendt, Hafemeister, Hamland, Matczak, Zimmermann)
- May 17 – MCPL Board of Trustees meeting (Sepnafski, Wendt)
- **May 18 – WVLS V-Cat Bibliographic Control and Interface Committee meeting** (Metzler)
- May 18 - System Directors/DPI discussion (Sepnafski)
- May 19 – Meet Your Partners: NW Workforce Development Resources meeting (Hamland)
- **May 20 – WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- May 24 – Workforce Development and Libraries Organizing meeting (Hamland)
- May 25 - System Directors/DPI discussion (Sepnafski)
- May 25 - LAWDS SuperPac meeting (Hamland)
- May 26 – DPI meeting with System Continuing Education Consultants (Matczak)
- **June 3 – WVLS V-Cat Council meeting** (Zimmermann, Metzler, Klingbeil, Sepnafski)
- June 8 - System Directors/DPI discussion (Klingbeil)
- **June 8 – WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- June 10 – WPLC (Wisconsin Public Library Consortium Board meeting (Metzler)
- June 15 – System Directors/DPI discussion (Sepnafski)
- June 15 - DPI’s System Youth Services Consultants meeting (Hamland)
- June 16 - Meet Your Partners: Workforce Development Resources (West) meeting (Hamland)
- **June 17 – WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- June 21 – MCPL Board of Trustees meeting (Sepnafski, Wendt)
- June 22 - System Directors/DPI discussion (Sepnafski)

- June 22 - LAWDS SuperPac meeting (Hamland)
- June 23 - DPI meeting with Continuing Education Consultants regarding PLSR Recommendation 7 (Matczak)
- July 5 – Independence Day observed; WVLS Office closed
- July 9 - COLAND meeting (Klingbeil)
- **July 13 - WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- **July 15 - WVLS/IFLS Website Office Hours** (Hamland)
- July 15 – Oneida County Library Board meeting (Wendt)
- July 19 – MCPL Board of Trustees meeting (Sepnafski, Wendt)
- July 20 – Forest County Library Board meeting (Wendt)
- July 23 - WLA's Library Development and Legislation (LD&L) Committee meeting (Wendt)
- July 27 - LAWDS SuperPac meeting (Hamland)
- July 28 - DPI meeting with System Continuing Education Consultants (Matczak)
- **August 3– WVLS V-Cat Bibliographic Control and Interface Committee meeting** (Metzler)
- August 3 – WISCAT User Group meeting (Metzler)
- **August 12 – WVLS V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee meeting** (Zimmermann)
- August 16 – MCPL Board of Trustees meeting (Sepnafski, Wendt)
- **August 18 – WVLS Library Advisory Committee meeting** (Matczak, Sepnafski, Klingbeil, Hamland, Metzler, Zimmermann, Machones)
- **August 21 – WVLS Board of Trustees meeting**
- **August 23-27 – Wisconsin Trustee Training week** (Matczak)

Happy Spring!

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