



1) Courier Update

Based on the feedback from several public library systems, effective this week, Waltco will not be labeling outgoing bins with the date and time that they are closed. Waltco stopped quarantining items on April 26, and, on May 3, WVLS let member libraries know that deciding how to proceed would be a local decision. WVLS and Waltco will continue to monitor courier practices.

If you have any questions, please contact courier@wvls.org.

2) Scholarship Opportunities through Wisconsin Library Association

Did you know there are scholarships available through the Wisconsin Library Association? They are due on Tuesday, June 15.

- [Library Education Scholarship](#) - \$1,400 for those who are pursuing a Master's or Library Media degree.
- [Sally Davis Scholarship](#)- \$1,350 for those pursuing a Master's degree at UW Madison
- [Vida Cummins Stanton Scholarship](#) - \$1,600 for those pursuing a Master's degree at UW Milwaukee
- [Diversity Scholarship](#) - \$950 for those African-American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander or Native American/Alaskan Native students pursuing a librarian degree

Read more about scholarships available for continuing education, including conferences:

- [George Bauer Memorial Fund Continuing Education Scholarship](#) - \$850 for those planning on attending a workshop, conference, or other continuing education program within or outside Wisconsin.
- [Gloria Hoegh Memorial Fund Education for Rural Librarians Scholarship](#) - \$900 for those employees at libraries serving populations of 5,000 or less and who plan on attending a workshop, conference, or other continuing education program within or outside Wisconsin

Librarians thinking about applying for the George Bauer or the Gloria Hoegh Scholarships should consider using those funds to attend the [Wisconsin Library Association Conference](#), which will be held in person on November 16-19 in Green Bay.

3) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Anne talks about Bitmoji, and how it can be used to promote your library and its

programs. [Watch it here.](#)

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar: Fights

Fights: How to Prevent and Stop Them (Safely!)

Thursday, June 24 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the topics covered:

- The four stages of a fight (and why "Stage 2" is the best place to stop it)
- How two staff (or one staff) should break up a fight
- What the research says about bystanders and fights

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.

5) Audiobooks Now Available for 21 Days

The WPLC Digital Library Steering Committee voted to offer audiobook checkouts for loan at 21 days. Previously, audiobooks were only available to check out for 7 or 14 days on Wisconsin's Digital Library.

Now patrons have the option to check them out for 7, 14, or 21 days! The Committee hopes this will help with users being able to complete audiobooks and not having to renew or put back on hold to finish the books.

6) IMLS American Rescue Plan Act Grants Now Available

On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced it is accepting applications for up to \$15 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, June 28, 2021. IMLS will directly award competitive grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to eligible libraries, Native American and Native Hawaiian communities, and museums. [Read more.](#)

7) This Week's Webinars

- [Amazing Audiobooks](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1
- [Creating an Engaging Volunteer Training Program](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2
- [Re-Weaving the Culture through Inclusive Norms in the Public Library](#) - 12 p.m. on Thurs. June 3
- [Building Connection with Community Assets](#) - 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 3
- [Queer Peers: Representation in Comics](#) - 1 p.m. on Friday, June 4

8) LAWDS Workshop on June 16

The third and final virtual LAWDS (Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills) workshop will take place from 1-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, with this service area focusing on Clark County. This

workshop is worth 1.5 contact hours.

Library staff and workforce partners will gather virtually to learn about services and resources provided by job centers, workforce partners, and libraries. Attendees will get to know their counterparts, tour online resources, work through service scenarios, and brainstorm communication and collaboration strategies going forward.

[Register Here.](#)