



1) Registration Open for Wisconsin Trustee Training Week

[Wisconsin Trustee Training Week](#) is set for August 23-27. Sponsored by all 16 public library systems, the annual Trustee Training Week offers a one-hour webinar each day of the week on a topic of interest to public library trustees and administrators.

Presentation topics range from succession planning to ethics to leadership. The webinars will be recorded and archived. Trustee Training Week is supported by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Public Library Development Team, with funding support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Please share this information with your trustees at your next library board meeting.

2) 'Staying Together' Discussion This Week

The next Staying Together Discussion is tomorrow, June 15 at 1 p.m. WVLS directors or a proxy are welcome to join the discussion. Discussion questions will include:

- What two things are going well in your library right now?
- What challenges is your library facing and how are these being addressed?
- What are 1-2 things that you would like to implement/start for the fall?

Phone: +1.408.419.1715 or 1.408.915.6290 (only one number is needed to join)

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

Or Sign-in via Computer: <https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731>

3) Sierra Survey

WVLS is gathering information to assess the benefits and challenges of Sierra in comparison to other products. Please [complete this survey](#) to tell us about your experience using Sierra.

After reviewing results from this survey, WVLS staff will share the results, do additional product research, and share this research with the V-Cat Council. After review, the Council may choose to form a committee for product selection/recommendation. Please encourage library staff to participate by Friday, June 25.

4) LAWDS Workshop on Wednesday

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 the West Central Wisconsin Development Area covering 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.](#)

5) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Jamie covers part one of a three-part series on library employment. What should be in a library job posting and description? [Watch it here.](#)

6) State Updates

- **Tessa Michaelson Schmidt has been named Assistant State Superintendent-designate** for the Division for Libraries and Technology. She has been a public library consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for nearly ten years, specializing in library youth services and inclusive services for all library users. [Read more.](#)
- The African Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce the **winners of the Read Africa grant competition.** Grants will be given to public libraries throughout Wisconsin in order to enrich their collections with new titles that will enable readers to deepen their understanding of Africa. Over \$20,000 in funding will be distributed to 34 libraries, representing 14 of Wisconsin's 16 library systems. [Read more.](#)
- As we near the half-way mark of 2021, **BadgerLink staff reflected back on 2020**, both in the challenges we faced as well as the many opportunities for growth, as we continue to support all learners around the state. [Read more.](#)

6) This Week's Webinars

- [Eliminating Library Fines](#): Improving Community Access, Equity and Usage - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15
- [Community Homelessness: What Can Libraries Do?](#): 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16
- [Data Summit on Race, Ethnicity and Ancestry](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 17
- [Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 17

7) Reminders

- The WLA Programming Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2021 WLA annual conference! The conference will be held in Green Bay from November 16-19 at the KI Convention Center. This year's theme is "Back on Track." Over the past year, libraries have dealt with

unprecedented challenges and have risen to meet these issues with kindness, perseverance, and creative solutions. **The program submission deadline is Wednesday, July 7.** [Use this link](#) to submit your proposal. Contact conference program chairs Mark Jochem (mjochem@scls.info) or Barry McKnight (bmcknight@lacrosselibrary.org) with questions.