



1) July 4th Closures and Adjustments

Due to July 4th falling on a Sunday, the holiday is observed on Monday, July 5th.

- Waltco will not be running delivery service on Monday, July 5th.
- The WVLS office is closed on Monday, July 5th.
- Monday Mentions will be sent out on Tuesday, July 6, at 12 p.m.

2) Wisconsin Humanities Recovery Grants Available

Wisconsin Humanities Recovery Grants are now available for organizations that offer humanities programs, including museums, libraries, arts organizations, civic groups, and more. Funding for these grants is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Funding Priorities:

- To support cultural organizations that provide humanities programming and that have been adversely impacted by the pandemic.
- To assist organizations in all regions of Wisconsin.

Join Wisconsin Humanities for an informational session about WH Recovery Grants and other funding opportunities via Zoom on Thursday, July 8 at 3 p.m. [Register here.](#)

WH Recovery Grant requests must be for between \$2,000 and \$20,000 with funds encumbered by October 31, 2022. [Read more and apply.](#)

3) Grant Opportunity for Small and Rural Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment through three rounds of grants in 2020 and 2021. NOTE: Libraries that previously were awarded LTC: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grants are eligible to apply for additional funding to expand their previously awarded projects.

The third grant round is open from June 21 - September 16, 2021. Learn more and apply below.

- [Project guidelines](#)
- [Frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [Apply online](#)
- [Register for the Pre-Application Webinar. July 21 at 1pm CT](#)
- [Sign up for a 20-minute grant consultation call with ALA project staff](#)
- [Learn about the libraries funded in Rounds 1 & 2](#)

Applications are due Thursday, September 16.

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Homeless Children and Libraries

Thursday, July 8 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the topics covered:

- A reading of *Dear Librarian* by the author, Lydia Sigwarth.
- An interview of Lydia by Ryan about Lydia's experiences as a homeless child.
- Tips, tools and tricks for how libraries can better serve children experiencing homelessness.
- Q&A

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.