



1) Library Closure Survey

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from July 2021 - January, 2022. This will assist us on adjusting due dates in Sierra and informing Waltco about courier.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Monday, August 9.

2) Save the Dates for Fall Webinar Series

The next WVLS Webinar series will focus on empowering library employees. Save the Wednesdays of September 22, September 29, and October 6 at 1 p.m. for a fantastic series on providing library staff with resources and tools to feel empowered in 2021 and beyond. More information will be coming soon.

3) New Digital Byte

In the latest Digital Byte, as part of a three-part series on library employment, Jamie talks about what to consider when posting an open position for your library. [Watch it here.](#)

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

HELP!: The Correct Way for Staff to Provide Backup in Crisis
Thursday, Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the issues covered:

- The four problems with the way most people do backup.
- Exactly how to provide backup correctly.
- How to use backup to train new staff.

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) This Week's Webinars

- [Accessibility Features in Microsoft](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27
- [Canva: Design Basics for Your Small Business](#) - 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27
- [Fantastic Fall Series Nonfiction](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 29

- [Canva: Advanced Design Skills for Small Business Owner/Marketer](#) - 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 29

6) Badgerlink Newspapers Community Survey

The Request For Proposal (RFP) process has begun for BadgerLink's three newspaper collections. The [2021 BadgerLink Newspapers Community Survey](#) is now open to public libraries to gather feedback on library satisfaction with the current BadgerLink newspaper resources, and any desired features and functions of these collections in the future. The survey will close on August 16.

7) Upcoming iSchool Programs and Submission Deadlines

- **Deadline August 3:** Proposals for Power Up, A Conference for Youth Services Managers and Staff, are due. The conference will be held in Madison on March 24-25, 2022. [More information here.](#)
- **Upcoming Director Certification Courses are open for registration.** There is a 10% early-bird registration discount, if registration is completed at least 2 weeks before the course start date. [Register online here:](#)
 - Basic Public Library Administration: Sept 20 – Dec 12
 - Advanced Public Library Administration: Sept 13 – Dec 5
 - Public and Community Library Services: Sept 20 – Dec 12
- [Registration is open](#) for the **Lead the Way Virtual Symposium**, taking place on October 1. The registration fee is \$75.

8) Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort

WILS (Wisconsin Library Services) is accepting new cohorts to be part of its Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort. Geared toward public libraries with a municipal population of around 5,000 or less, this cohort uses a model of education, training, expert coaching and support, with the result being a strategic plan for the library. The cost is \$1,875 per library. Commitments are due by August 2021, with the cohort work to be in place for October/November 2021 through July 2022.

Contact Laura Damon-Moore at laura@wils.org if your library is interested.

9) Reminders

- Nearly 20% of Americans experience some form of mental health issue, yet it can be the loneliest place. Carla Huston, Director of the Stetsonville Public Library, presents a recorded webinar called "The Only Thing More Exhausting Than Having a Mental Illness is Pretending That You Don't." This webinar is worth 1 contact hour and [available on the WVLS YouTube Channel.](#)