



1) 'Equity in Action' Online Course

Library Journal is offering the "Equity in Action: Fostering an Antiracist Library Culture" online course in Fall 2021.

Joy Schwarz from Winnefox is organizing a group rate for librarians in Wisconsin. WVLS will cover the cost for several member libraries (not to exceed one participant per library) to take the course. Please note that attendees must commit to the three live sessions listed below. Completing this course is worth 15 contact hours for public library certification.

Read [full details of the course](#). Key features:

- Interactive online course consists of live sessions that are bridged with online workshops, video lessons, assignments, discussions, and resources.
- Live sessions are 1-3pm on Tuesdays September 28, October 5, and October 12; they will be recorded and available afterwards.
- Access to all course content for six months after the course ends.
- Upon earning a certificate of completion, the course is eligible to count as 15 contact hours of continuing education.

If you or a member of your staff is interested in taking this course, with the cost being covered by WVLS, please contact Jamie by Tuesday, Aug. 24.

2) WVLS July Newsletter

The WVLS July Newsletter [is now available](#). Features include:

- Rhinelander Holds Pet Parade
- Three Lakes Starts Summer Collaborations
- Crandon Continues "Tasting Tuesdays"
- And more!

3) This Week's Webinars

- [Service Design in Rapidly Changing Libraries](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7

- [Coping with Stress Through Journaling](#) - 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 8
- [Google Forms Basics](#) - 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 8
- [10 Chrome Extensions You Can't Live Without](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 8

4) WLA Conference Program Submissions Due Tomorrow

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.

5) Reminders

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**
Homeless Children and Libraries
Thursday, July 8 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

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.

- 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. [Apply online.](#)