



1) WVLS Updates

- WVLS is going to take advantage of the holiday weekend to run a thorough Backstage process. **Please do not edit Bib records from 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2 until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.** Rachel will send out an email when members can edit bib records.
- Due to meetings occurring on and around September 1, the **September Circulation Totals report** may not be published until September 3 or after. Thank you for your patience.
- The WVLS Office will be **closed on Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day**. Courier service will not be running on that day.

2) Ancestry Library Edition Home Access Extended

Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until December 31 and will continue to be re-evaluated. [Read more.](#)

3) New Digital Byte

In Part 3 of this series on Library Employment, Jamie shares where to post library jobs, and how WVLS can assist. [Watch it here.](#)

4) This Week's Webinars

- [Introduction to Citizen Science in Libraries](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25
- [Library Ethics 101: What Would You Do?](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26
- [Using WhatsApp to Increase Engagement with Multicultural Communities](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26
- [How to Give Feedback and Performance Reviews Like a Coach, Not a Boss](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26
- [Trustee Leadership: Bringing it All Together](#) - 12 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27

5) New Resource from Badgerlink

Check out the new BadgerLink [For Library Staff page](#). Based on feedback from the [BadgerLink Advisory Group](#), this new page makes sharing BadgerLink resources with your patrons easier than ever before.

Request bookmarks and posters, add links to your website, learn how to use a specific resource through recorded videos and handouts, or gather ideas for the classroom; all from one handy location.

6) Upcoming Director Certification Courses

There are three upcoming director certification courses that are offered online this fall. Any directors who are working through their classes are able to sign up now, and please note that we have a 10% early-bird discount if they sign up at least two weeks before a class's opening date. Here are the upcoming classes:

Advanced Public Library Administration (Sept 13 – Dec 5)

Public and Community Library Services (Sept 20 – Dec 12)

Basic Public Library Administration (Sept 20 – Dec 12)

[Registration is open here.](#)

7) Reminders

- Wisconsin Valley Library Service, Northern Waters Library Service, and the Southwest Wisconsin Library System are excited to announce a **Fall Webinar Series focusing on Staff Empowerment**. The webinars occur on three consecutive Wednesdays (September 22 and 29, October 6) at 1 p.m.

Compassion Resilience and Anxiety Management During Tough Times - Sept. 22

Hiring in 2021 and Beyond - Sept. 29

Best Practices in Volunteer Management - Oct. 6

[Read more and to register.](#)

- The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in partnership with WiLS, is conducting a survey **evaluating the current Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year Plan**. Feedback is needed. The [linked survey](#) is designed to collect feedback from individuals throughout the Wisconsin library landscape who have been involved in and/or impacted by the Library Services and Technology Act as a funding entity.
- OverDrive announced that they will be **sunsetting the OverDrive app in February 2022**. What does this mean? WPLC will be actively encouraging OverDrive app users to switch to Libby. WPLC recommends that all partners actively promote Libby and remove references to the OverDrive app from library websites and promotional materials. Please bookmark [this page](#) on the Resource Center, as it provides an overview of the app sunset plan, FAQs, Libby promotional materials, recommended best practices, and more. WPLC recommends using this resource to start updating your library's website links, digital resource pages, and marketing materials to solely point readers to Libby.