



## 1) September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

There's nothing more empowering than a library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, libraries provide people of all ages the opportunity to pursue their dreams and passions.

[Check out the most recent Digital Lite](#) for social media shares, resources and ideas to implement convenient ways to acknowledge this national initiative.

## 2) Actively Anti-Racist Library Service to Leisure Readers

Increasing the collection and circulation of titles written by underrepresented authors is not a trend, rather, providing robust readers' advisory service that values equity, diversity, and inclusion principles is essential to all library services. But moving from being a neutral, well-meaning library where systemic racism is acknowledged to an actively anti-racist organization involves work, some of which is uncomfortable at first. In this program you will begin that work, learning tangible skills to help build enthusiasm for reading and discovering "diverse" books, to deepen RA service through thoughtful inclusion of EDI principles in all interactions with leisure readers, and to be a steward of the anti-racist mindset for your organization.

Readers' Advisory and Collection Development experts Becky Spratford and Robin Bradford will move your team from merely discussing "why" putting EDI concerns at the forefront of all of your work with leisure readers is important to the "how," including an honest look at action steps for all staff. While it may seem uncomfortable at first, Becky and Robin will help you shift your focus allowing your entire organization to craft an actionable plan to incorporate EDI values into your normal RA practices.

Becky and Robin pre-recorded webinars on Collection Development and Readers' Advisory.

- Recorded Webinar: [Collection Development Foundations](#) with Robin Bradford (46 min.)
- Robin's [Slides](#)
- Recorded Webinar; [Readers' Advisory Foundations](#) with Becky Spratford (1 hr 23 min.)
- Becky's [Slides](#)

After watching the recorded webinars, please submit any questions you have for Robin and Becky by using this [form](#). These questions will be answered and discussed by Robin Bradford and Becky Spratford at the [Actively Anti-Racist Library Service to Leisure Readers](#) live discussion on September 30, 2021, at 1 p.m. [Register here](#)).

### 3) This Week's Webinars

- [The Science of Helping Employees Move More for Better Health](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31
- [Family Homelessness and Libraries](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1

### 4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Kicked Out!: How to Safely Ask Someone to Leave  
Thursday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the topics covered:

- Tips on asking someone to leave the library
- How your emotions affect your safety
- Why your opinion of the person you are asking to leave can change the outcome

Please contact Jamie at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) for the pre-registration link. A recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live event.

### 5) DHS Offers Gift Cards for Getting COVID-19 Vaccine

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is offering individuals who get their COVID-19 vaccine a \$100 Visa gift card. To be eligible, you must be a Wisconsin resident age 12 or older and receive the first vaccine dose from a Wisconsin provider before September 6.

For more information about this limited-time offer, visit the [DHS website](#). To find a COVID-19 vaccine site in your community, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or call 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211.

### 6) Reminders

- 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.