



### **1) DPI Accepting Applications for ARPA Library Pandemic Relief Funding**

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced on September 27 that the competitive grant application process for library relief funding is now open. All Wisconsin public libraries and regional public library systems are eligible to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. IMLS awarded Wisconsin nearly \$3.3 million to be used for supporting digital inclusion efforts, providing rapid emergency relief to libraries, and supporting library services that meet the needs of local communities. [Read more.](#)

### **2) Schedule “Tally Week” This Month**

Have you scheduled your library’s annual survey week this October to collect data for the annual report? The annual report requires an annual count of reference transactions and all public computer uses. If your library does not keep an annual count of reference transactions and a count of all public internet computer uses, your library needs to schedule a survey week to “count transactions during a typical week.” October is the month for tally week as established by Channel Weekly, the former online newsletter of the Wisconsin Division for Libraries and Technology.

For more information, see the [Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report](#). It shares instructions on survey week and definitions for reference transactions, public internet computers and catalog computers.

### **3) ‘Volunteer’ Webinar This Week**

The third webinar in the Staff Empowerment Series is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct.6. Maggie Rose will discuss how to establish a library volunteer recruitment and onboarding program, effective communication tips to use with volunteers, and more.

[Register here](#) to attend ‘Best Practices in Volunteer Management.’

### **4) October Newsletter Now Available**

[The WVLS October Newsletter](#) is now available. Some features include:

- Save the Date for Youth Services Workshop
- Antigo and Three Lakes Continue Grant Work
- 10 Things to Know About: Taylor Weinfurter

Want something featured in the November newsletter? Contact Jamie by Monday, October 25 at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org).

## 5) Fall 2021 Barcode Order

WVLS will be placing an order soon for item barcodes. The next order will be done in Spring 2022. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand.

WVLS also has patron cards on hand if anyone needs them sent via courier.

If you would like to order barcodes, please contact Rachel at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org) with how many you would like, by Friday, October 8.

## 6) 1000 Books before Kindergarten App Sunset

Bridges Library System made the decision earlier this year to sunset the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app in the iTunes and Google Play stores effective December 31. This means that the app will no longer be available and support for the app will cease.

Specifically, Beanstack provides a template for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and a process for migrating App users to Beanstack. There is a webinar at 12 p.m. on Friday, October 8 on setting up 1000 Books in Beanstack. [Register here.](#)

Libraries interested in having a mentor assist them in starting up the Beanstack version for their libraries should contact Anne at [ahamland@wvls.org](mailto:ahamland@wvls.org).

## 7) This Week's Webinars

- [Making Accessible Videos](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6
- [Virtual Programming During COVID](#): - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 6
- [Overcome Toxic Stress by Hacking Your Nervous System](#) - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct 7
- [Set Up & Deliver 1000 Books Before Kindergarten in Beanstack](#) - 12 p.m. on Friday, Oct 8

## 8) Reminders

Q & A With Ryan  
Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

Did you have a situation with a homeless patron and you're not sure whether or not you dealt with it correctly? Do you have specific questions about people experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental illness, or substance abuse? Please contact Jamie at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) for the pre-registration link.