



1) PLA Conference Scholarships Available

WVLS is awarding full scholarships to area library staff to attend the national 2022 Public Library Association (PLA) Conference.

Offered biennially, the PLA Conference—the premier event for public library professionals—is an opportunity for librarians, library support staff, trustees, friends, and library vendors from across the country and around the world to reconnect with one another, recreate the services they provide, and revitalize the passion for the work they do every day.

The 2022 PLA Conference will be held in Portland, OR and will run from March 23-25. **The scholarship application deadline is Friday, December 10.**

For more information, and an application form, [visit the WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage.](#)

2) Thanksgiving Week Closures

- WVLS is closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.
- Courier service will not run on Thursday, November 25, due to Thanksgiving. Service will resume on Friday, November 26.
- If your library receives courier service and is now closed on Friday, contact Jamie as soon as possible.

WVLS wishes you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

3) Additional Aspen Discovery Training This Week

Libraries interested in additional customization of their Aspen Discovery catalog can attend an Aspen Theme and Layout Training Session at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23 [via zoom](#).

In this session, library staff will learn how to add/modify their logo and customize the look of the catalog.

Note: This is a make up session, as this material was not covered in the “Aspen Catalog Training - Part II” session last week.

4) Grant Opportunity for Public and School Libraries

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is pleased to announce that applications for the Nita M. Lowery 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant competition are available for the 2022-23 school year. The 21st CCLC grant is a federal grant that funds before-school, after-school, and summer programs across the state of Wisconsin. The purposes of the program are to:

- Provide opportunities for academic enrichment to help students, particularly students attending low-performing schools, to meet challenging state academic standards
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students
- Offer the families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development

Public school districts, private schools, charter schools, and community-based organizations (including faith-based organizations) targeting students enrolled in schools eligible for Title I, schoolwide programs are invited to apply.

Applications will be due on or before 4:00 p.m., January 28, 2022. More information and application materials are available on the [DPI's 21st CCLC website](#).

5) STEM Grant Kits Available

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) - *Region 4's Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL)* Grant program is offering up to \$2,000 in funding to public libraries to establish a circulating science kits collection. Libraries must be located within Region 4 which includes all of Wisconsin.

The application forms will be accepted until January 17, 2022. Those libraries which have previously applied for the grant but did not receive funding are invited to submit again. [Read more.](#)

6) Reminders

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinars**
 - **Too Many Bags: How to Address Someone Bringing in Too Much Stuff**
Thursday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)
 - **Hoarding: How to Help Someone Not Get Evicted**
Thursday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. (60 minutes)

Please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the pre-registration links. Recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live events.