



1) Youth Services Workshop Registration Open

[Registration is now open](#) for the annual WVLS Youth Services Workshop, set for Thursday, December 9 from 1 - 3 p.m. This event provides 2 contact hours toward public library certification.

Minocqua Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Erica Dischinger, and Teen Services Librarian, Jennifer Davis, will be sharing successful youth and teen programs, how their library's programs and services are created, and upcoming projects. They will also show participants the library's youth spaces. Bring an idea to share regarding creative programming ideas that fit community and staff resources.

This webinar will be recorded. All library staff members serving youth are welcome to attend.

2) 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.](#)

3) Ancestry Library Edition Remote Access to End

After nearly 2 years of temporary access, and after most libraries reopened their doors, Ancestry has made the difficult decision to end remote access for ALE at the end of 2021.

Ancestry cares deeply about libraries and their patrons, but they have agreements with publishers and other business considerations that prevent them from offering remote access permanently. Libraries should remove all remote access points from your site by December 31st. Onsite access remains unchanged. Patrons can access Ancestry Library Edition through desktop computers provided by your library or their own personal laptop, tablet, or mobile phone.

For customers who want to maintain remote access, HeritageQuest Online, powered by Ancestry, continues to offer the best solution. HeritageQuest Online is available through Badgerlink at Badgerlink.net.

4) Registration Open for 'Power Up' Conference

2022 Power Up Pop-ups: A (mini) Leadership Conference for Youth Services Managers & Staff, will happen online on February 21 – March 4, 2022. A series of one-hour virtual presentations will take place throughout these two weeks. Session topics include: building a great youth staff, book challenges, bringing teens in the library, and more.

Registration fees are factored on a sliding scale, based on income, from \$0-\$200. The programs and registration information [are all available here](#).

5) This Week's Webinars

- [Library Design Institute](#) - 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30
- [Creating a Healthy Culture with Conduct, Communication, and Conflict Resolution](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30
- [Creating an Effective Volunteer Handbook](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1
- [Beanstack: How to Set Up an Awesome Winter Reading Challenge](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2

6) Librarian's Toolkit for Digital Observation, Assessment, and Analysis Survey

This fall, Madison Public Library, Skokie Public Library, and Waupaca Public Library embarked on the initial design phases of a new IMLS Leadership Project. They are seeking to design a Librarian's Toolkit for Digital Observation, Assessment, and Analysis for observing hands-on, open ended programming. There are a lot of considerations around technology, accessibility, and data to be considered while developing these tools. That is where the grant team hopes you can help.

The first phase of this project is to complete an environmental survey of current library technology needs and barriers that will inform the development plan of the toolkit. [Please consider taking this short survey](#) to help inform development considerations for the project.

7) Reminders

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 p.m., January 28, 2022. More information and application materials are available on the [DPI's 21st CCLC website](#).