



### 1) “Staying Together” To Be Held in February

WVLS Staff will host an extended “Staying Together” discussion for WVLS member library directors or a proxy from 1 - 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1.

1 - 2 p.m.: discussion will center around questions and concerns regarding the Annual Report.

2 - 3 p.m.: discussion will be related to COVID-19.

Stay tuned for more information.

### 2) Volunteers Needed for WAPL Conference

The 2022 WAPL (Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries) Conference will take place at the Ingleside Resort in Waukesha from May 10-13. The WAPL subcommittee is looking for chair and co-chair positions: Conference Committee, Conference Partnerships, Programming, Program Booklet, Publicity, Registration, Technology/Equipment Coordinator.

If you or someone you know is interested and willing to fill one of the chair positions, or volunteer for one of the committees, please reach out to WAPL Chair David Kranz ([dkranz@swls.org](mailto:dkranz@swls.org)) or the past WAPL Conference Chair, Teresa Schmidt ([director@mercercpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@mercercpubliclibrary.org)) by Monday, January 17, 2022.

### 3) New Program for Discounted Internet Access

On December 31 the FCC [launched the Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#). This longer-term program replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. This investment in broadband affordability will help ensure households can afford the internet connections they need for work, school, health care and more.

Enrollment in the ACP is [now open](#) for households with at least one member qualifying under any of the [eligibility criteria](#).

Please contact Anne at [ahamland@wvls.org](mailto:ahamland@wvls.org) if you would like this information on your website.

### 4) This Week’s Webinars

- [Reaching Black Audiences in a Digital World](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 12
- [Trauma-Informed Librarianship](#) - Building Communities of Care - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13
- [Recruiting New Board Members](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13

- [Gratitude Practice for Well-Being](#) - 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14

## 5) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Starting January 20, Ryan will hold three interactive sessions in January, February, and March. During each session, a section of the current core training will be shown.

Each session will also include:

- Surveys to get feedback on training material
- Several Q&A breaks so participants can ask for clarification
- Interactive chat where participants can provide feedback

Topic: Homelessness: Understanding Individuals Experiencing Homelessness  
Thursday, January 20, 2022; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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. Please register even if you only plan to watch the recording.

## 6) Reminders

- Do you have a library employee who should be receiving emails from WVLS? WVLS maintains email lists for library staff working in youth services, technology, digitization and more. [Check out the WVLS Communications webpage](#) to view what is available. Send an email to [help@librarieswin.org](mailto:help@librarieswin.org) to have a person added to the appropriate list.
- A digital ad campaign promoting libraries as partners in workforce development will go live statewide on January 10 and run until February 27. The goal of the campaign will be to remind the public of the role Wisconsin public libraries can play to connect job seekers with existing programs and services. If all goes according to plan, new faces will be in libraries. [Read more](#) on convenient ways to prepare for this campaign and for more marketing materials.