



1) "Wild Wisconsin" This Week

The 10th Annual [Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#) is Wednesday and Thursday.

Fourteen sessions will be available in four different tracks, including Management, Marketing, Small and Mighty, and Wellbeing (new). All sessions are worth 1 contact hour toward public library certification.

In addition to the 14 conference sessions, a "Stretch Break" and "Canva Demo" will be held during conference lunch breaks. Contact Jamie jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions about the conference.

2) Free At-Home COVID Tests Now Available

Every home in the U.S. is now eligible to order four at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. The tests will usually ship in 7-12 days. [Order them here.](#)

3) "Staying Together" Next Tuesday

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. Questions include:

- As in 2020, COVID prompted libraries to continue to reflect on their services and how their communities access those services in 2021. As you reflect on last year's highlights, what is something positive that gives you encouragement and hope in 2022?"
- What adjustments have you made in staffing or coverage in the last two months as cases have increased?
- What is something about your library/community you are proud of?

[Join the meeting here](#), or dial in by phone:

+1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 837 4891 0267

Passcode: 6Uu4BCXf

4) New Digital Byte on Supporting Indigenous Peoples

Angie Bodzislaw from Spooner Memorial Library and Laura Merchant from Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe

College Extension created a Digital Byte called "Supporting & Representing Indigenous People in the Library." [View it here.](#)

5) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Topic: Psychology: How Psychology Can Help People to Follow the Rules Voluntarily
Thursday, February 10; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

This 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

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the 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) Update Voter Education & Registration Assistance Project (VERAP) Tools

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) has updated important information in the Voter Education & Registration Assistance Project (VERAP) Resource Notebook distributed to each WVLS library and MCPL branch in 2019 as a white 3-ring binder.

Please replace pages 6, 40, and 68 with the ["2022 Elections" page located here](#). The page includes deadlines for registration, absentee ballot requests, and in-person absentee voting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kris (kawendt@wvls.org) or Yolan Mistele from the League of Women Voters of the Northwoods at Information@lwvnow.org.

7) PBS KIDS Community Learning Cohort: Call for Applications

The PBS KIDS Community Learning Cohort is an exciting opportunity that blends professional development, hands-on learning, peer-to-peer connection, and program implementation into one dynamic series!

Cohort participants will receive a stipend to cover program costs or staff time. [Complete this application form](#) by February 18, 2022. There are limited spots so be sure to apply soon!

Please reach out to Mouna Algahaithi, PBS Wisconsin Education's Early Learning Engagement Specialist at mouna.algahaithi@pbswisconsin.org with any questions.

8) Reminders

- Testimonials from your library users are one of the most effective ways to demonstrate the value of your library in your community in advocacy efforts.

The “Tell Your Library Love Story” is an easy and scalable tool for each library to collect testimonials. There is a [system-wide google form](#) to collect all the stories in one place. Contact Anne (ahamland@wvls.org) to add a button with a link to your library’s website, or if you have questions.