



1) WVLS Welcomes New Staff Member

WVLS welcomes Brenda Walenton as its Finance and HR Specialist. Her first day at WVLS was Monday, January 31. Brenda has 25 years of business and human resources experience, and she is looking forward to navigating the ins and outs of the library field, as well as learning all the acronyms.

Welcome, Brenda!

2) Webinars for 2022: Feedback Needed

WVLS is in the process of planning webinars for 2022. Please take a minute to fill out this [very short survey](#) so feedback can be gathered. Any employee of a WVLS-member library is encouraged to complete the survey.

The deadline to submit is by the end of today. Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

3) WLTC Report Highlights Statewide Library and Community Partnerships

Libraries participating in the Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities cohort are highlighted in a statewide community engagement report released today by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The [WLTC 2020-2021 Final Report and Evaluation](#) shares the outcomes of the 18-month training program developed in partnership with the American Library Association. [Read more.](#)

4) This Week's Webinars

- [We Are NOT Okay: Library Worker Trauma Before and During COVID-19 and What Happens After](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8
- [Dismantling Racial Inequity in the Workplace and Diversity in Collection Management](#) - 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9
- [Canva Design Basics](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10

5) Ryan Dowd Recording This Week

On Friday, February 11, "Unattended Children: How to Talk to Parents About Their Children's Behavior," is going to be shown for free. It's meant for everyone who works with families. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Attendees will learn: the impact poverty has on parents (according to research and the Family Stress Model), what to say (and NOT to say!) when talking to parents about problem behavior, and how to ensure the talk goes well.

The recording will be offered at: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. CST. No replay will be offered for this free training.

6) Webinar Next Week on Talking About Race

Let's Talk About Race At Work

10 a.m.; Tuesday, February 15

[Register here.](#)

Workplace conversations on race can be challenging. Even with the best intentions and sincere willingness to listen and understand, talking about racism can be uncomfortable. Rather than avoiding the necessary discussions and exchanges, we can learn how to productively talk about race. We can have conversations about race, racism and racial equity. We can create brave, bold and safe spaces to ask questions, share experiences, make commitments, co-create solutions, hold ourselves accountable and creating authentic, measurable and lasting impact. This webinar is part of the 2022 LSTA-funded project, [Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race](#).

7) Shipping Label Reminder

We are currently dealing with some oddities with shipping labels, resulting in unusual formatting. Because of these formatting issues, if a shipping label is cut lengthwise, the label may not include critical information required to process the return. Due to these shipping label format issues, for the time being, please do not cut your shipping labels. When returning a WISCAT item, simply X-out the old delivery label, fold it lengthwise and flip it to the return side. This way the lender can see all information available on the shipping label, if needed.

Our vendor is planning for these issues to be fixed soon. I will provide more information when I have it.

- Gail Murray, WISCAT Technical Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

8) Reminders

- The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Annual Conference Programming Committee seeks program proposals for the next in-person public library conference to be held May 11-13, 2022 at The Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI.

With a theme of INFINITE POSSIBILITIES, the goal of this year's WAPL conference is that attendees will leave empowered to explore possibilities beyond their library and community. The deadline for submission is February 25, 2022. All submitters will be notified of their acceptance status by March 11, 2022. [Please use this Program Proposal Form to submit your proposals.](#)