



1) 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 the day on Monday, February 7. Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

2) “Staying Together” Tomorrow

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

3) Submit a Program Proposal for WAPL

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.

Feedback suggests attendees are looking for programs on management, leadership, patron confidentiality, "boomer" awareness, patron apathy, technology, data-driven decision making, brand management and marketing, small library, genre and reader's advisory, and sessions for trustees and support staff. Other suggested topics include change management, grant writing, handling large donations, inclusivity, and dreaming big.

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.](#)

4) "Wild Wisconsin" Resources

The 10th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference last week was a great success!

If you missed any of the 14 sessions, the resources [can be found here](#).

Public Library Certification hours can be counted toward the sessions whether they are viewed live or as a recording.

5) This Week's Webinars

- [Tear Down This Wall: Find and Remove Barriers to Library Use](#) - 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1
- [Pandemic Effects and Library Directions](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2
- [The Hidden Biases of Good People](#) - 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2
- [Quick Fixes for Bad PowerPoint Slides](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2
- [Be a Burnout Mastermind: Lessons Learned from an ICU Nurse](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3
- [From Funding to Impact: Stories of Grant Success](#) - 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4

6) Reminders

- 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](#).
- Angie Bodzislav 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](#).
- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar:**
Topic: Psychology: How Psychology Can Help People to Follow the Rules Voluntarily
Thursday, February 10; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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.