



1) National Library Week

April 3-9 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Connect with Your Library," which promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected.

WVLS staff acknowledge the amazing work [of its member libraries in this video](#).
Happy National Library Week!

2) Delivery Tracking This Month

Public libraries in Wisconsin will track incoming and outgoing delivery materials for one week during April 4- April 29. This data will be used to study trends and delivery efficiencies among systems.

WVLS libraries/branches should track incoming and outgoing bins, tubs and bags for one week. For example, a library that receives delivery on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday is considered "one week." Libraries can choose which week this month they want to track.

[Please enter the data on this spreadsheet](#). Note there are separate rows for bins/tubs and bags, and separate columns for "drop off" and "pick up." Even if a bin/tub or bag is not completely full, count it as "1" item. If a library does not have anything incoming or outgoing on a certain day, write "0" in the column.

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

3) Library Closure Survey

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from April - September 2022. This will assist us on adjusting due dates in Sierra and informing Waltco about courier.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library as soon as possible. Because Easter Weekend is soon, WVLS staff will adjust any due dates that fall on your library's closed dates to the next open day (based on item check out location).

4) LAWDS and Wis. Society of Human Resource Managers (WiSHRM) Outreach

Enhancing the services public libraries provide to Wisconsin job seekers is one of the primary goals of the LAWDS (Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills) project.

The LAWDS project has built a relationship with the [Wisconsin Society of Human Resource Managers](#) (WiSHRM), which is surveying its members to identify volunteers interested in working with job seekers in public libraries.

Between now and April 15, all WiSHRM volunteers will attend an orientation to help them understand how Wisconsin libraries work with job seekers. Volunteers will be encouraged to share or complement the specific types of services they are willing to provide, understanding that meeting spaces for each library vary. The roles of library directors, trustees, and library volunteer policies will be covered. After April 15, WiSHRM volunteers will begin to contact local library directors to offer their assistance.

Library staff are encouraged to prepare by: exploring the statewide resources on [Library Staff Resources to Assist Wisconsin's Workforce](#) and identify workforce development resources and assets they possess.

The DPI and the LAWDS Project Advisory Council ensure that collaborations growing out of this relationship are positive and stress-free. Libraries who have questions can contact Martha Berninger at Martha.Berninger@dpi.wi.gov and Beth Tomev at Elizabeth.Tomev@dpi.wi.gov.

5) This Week's Webinars

- [Make the Most Out of Beanstack](#) - 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4
- [Self-Care: Awareness, Acknowledgement, Action](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6
- [Summer Reading Kickoff](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6
- [How to Have a Successful Summer](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 7
- Mental Illness: How to Handle Problematic Behavior - 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 (Contact Jamie Matczak for the registration link)

6) Promotional Materials for Wisconsin's Digital Library Available

Printed promotional materials for Wisconsin's Digital Library are available to libraries with free printing and shipping! There are a variety of flyers and posters available, designed to be displayed at local businesses and in waiting rooms of all kinds. Business cards for Wisconsin's Digital Library are also available.

To order printed materials, please [use this order form](#). In addition, the digital files for [all these designs are available via the WPLC website](#) for you to print out or use however you wish. Please contact wplc-info@wils.org with any questions.

7) Reminders

- **WVLS plans to reserve a 38-passenger motor coach for the WAPL (Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries) conference in Pewaukee** if there is enough interest to make this mode of travel cost effective. The bus will depart from the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau at 12 pm on Wednesday, May 11, and depart Pewaukee after the conference is finished on Friday, May 13. There are ramps near the MCPL library where people can leave cars overnight.

WVLS will cover the bus cost for member libraries and trustees. Attendees will be asked to wear masks on the bus. Conference program and registration information should be available this week. Spots are available first-come, first-served. Contact Jamie Matczak via email by Wednesday, April 13 at jmatczak@wvls.org, to reserve your spot.

- **April is Financial Literacy Month, and libraries can partner with Thrivent in April or May to host a book drive in their community.** The Thrivent Member Network will amplify the generosity of our community members - for every new or gently used book donated, Thrivent will donate \$2 to the organization. (\$1,000 maximum).

For more information, contact WVLS Trustee Mandy Wright at Mandy.Wright@thrivent.com or 715-551-1303. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 15.