



### **1) Bus Available for WAPL Conference**

WVLS is reserving a 38-passenger motor coach for the WAPL Conference in Pewaukee.

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](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org), to reserve your spot.

### **2) Bound for Success: Book Drive and Matching Donation Opportunity with Thrivent**

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). Thrivent will also help establish an outdoor little library if that aligns with a library's vision.

Thrivent will provide promotional flyers, press releases, event signage, website promotion, and more. Community partners should provide: library logo, onsite event support, organizational collateral to share with event attendees, website and social media promotion, and invites to donors and contacts.

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

### **3) Next Ryan Dowd Trainings: Mental Illness**

Recordings of the live trainings will be available via Zoom for four weeks.

PART 1 - Mental Illness: How to Handle Problematic Behavior  
Thursday, April 7; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- How to deal with GOOD days and BAD days
- What to do when someone is disruptive or potentially dangerous
- How to respond to someone with delusions (and the two types of delusions you should be concerned about)

#### PART 2 - Mental Illness: Basic Introduction to Mental Illness

Thursday, May 26; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- Basic overview of the major mental health conditions
- Special focus on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and personality disorders

#### PART 3 - Mental Illness: Live Q&A with Dr. Eric Ward and Ryan Dowd

Thursday, June 9; 1 - 2 p.m.

Contact Jamie at WVLS ([jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org)) for the registration links.

### 4) Overdrive April Webinars

How to Train Your Community on Libby

Tuesday, April 7; 11 a.m.

Join OverDrive experts to get the tools and guidance to confidently lead your own Getting Started with Libby session. [Register here.](#)

A Must-Have Reading Guide for Summer 2022

Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Join OverDrive's staff librarians as we discuss the books to look forward to this summer, including "best of" books in the ever-popular mystery and romance genres. [Register here.](#)

### 5) New Courses at the iSchool

The Information School at University of Wisconsin - Madison has new Online Professional Development available. Anyone can sign up for these instructor-led courses. Meeting times are not required. [Find all course descriptions here.](#)

### 6) This Week's Webinars

- [Banned Books: When Books Are Threatened, Where Do We Turn?](#) - 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29
- [Creating Inclusive Spaces Within the Libraries, Part 2](#) - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30
- [Finding and Applying for Grants: A Recipe for Success](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30
- [Bystander Intervention to Stop Harassment Toward the LGBTQIA+ Community](#) - 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 31

### 7) Reminders

- The Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference Programming Committee **seeks proposals for the next conference** to be held November 1-4, 2022 at the Grand Geneva Hotel in Lake Geneva. The theme for this year's conference is "Rising to the Challenge." Proposals for presentations, panels, and workshops are welcome. Sessions will run 45 minutes in length (with a limited number of 90 minutes sessions available) and with a maximum of four presenters. [Submit your proposal](#) by Monday, April 25.
- **When sending library materials through courier**, please remember to not use tape on any library materials. Rubber bands are preferred. If you have any questions, please contact [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org).