



1) Support Staff & Circulation Services One-Day Conference

Register today for the WLA Support Staff & Circulation Services (SSCS) 2022 Conference - Live Well, Serve Well: Rediscovering Your Passion for Service.

The conference will be held in a hybrid format, with in-person presentations taking place at the Waunakee Public Library, on Thursday, May 26 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The keynote speaker, Bob McGrath of UW-Madison, will focus on "Living with Vitality in Times of Stress." Other presentations will discuss handling book challenges, starting a library home delivery service, and building a compassion resilience toolkit. [See the complete schedule](#) on the conference website.

[Registration closes](#) on Friday, May 20.

2) COLAND Seeks Applicants

Librarians looking for an opportunity to advocate for Wisconsin libraries at a statewide level are encouraged to apply to be on COLAND, the Council of Library and Network Development.

Three openings are available in July. Two are professional member openings (for people currently working in libraries) and the third is for a public member. The Council meets every other month at host libraries and school districts throughout the state. Appointments to COLAND are for three years.

WVLS colleagues are encouraged to contact either Kris Adams Wendt (kawendt@wvls.org) or Josh Klingbeil (cio@wvls.org) for more information or assistance with completing the application. [Go to this site](#) for more information about COLAND. [Applications](#) can be found here. (Choose "Application" under Boards & Commissions)

3) Next Ryan Dowd Trainings: Mental Illness

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

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

4) Human Resource Professionals to Partner with Libraries

The LAWDS Project (Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills) is pleased to announce volunteers from the Wisconsin Society of Human Resource Managers (WiSHRM) have volunteered to work with public libraries to support job seekers.

All WiSHRM volunteers will attend a training session led by DPI with assistance from Mark Jochem, Workforce Development Consultant, South Central Library System and Chris Baker, Adult Services Librarian & Technology Coordinator for the Portage Public Library. The training will acclimate human resource volunteers to the workforce services typically provided by Wisconsin public libraries and set expectations for their participation in the program. Volunteers have been asked not to contact their local library until after attending the training session.

The volunteer registration form remains open for WiSHRM Human Resource professionals, and updates to the list will be shared periodically. Please reach out to Martha Berninger (Martha.Berninger@dpi.wi.gov) or Beth Tomev (Elizabeth.tomev@dpi.wi.gov) on questions.

5) Ideas to Action Fund Application Period Open

The application period is open for [WiLS 2022 Ideas to Action Fund](#). The WiLS Ideas to Action Fund provides grants of up to \$5,000, so all types of libraries can bring their project ideas to life. The Fund encourages partnerships and collaborations among WiLS members and with community partners, supports innovative and exploratory new work within the Wisconsin library community, and seeds the development of processes, methods, or resources that can be used by other libraries and cultural organizations.

Proposals can be submitted through June 6. Awards will be announced in September 2022 and funds will be distributed soon after.

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Conflict De-Escalation](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, May 16
- [A Social Justice Approach to Outreach with Families and Children in Underserved Communities](#) - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17
- [Foundations of Gender-Inclusive Work: Dimensions of Gender](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18
- [Mental Health Technology: Destress & Decompress](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18
- [Universal Design for Libraries](#) - 12 p.m. on Monday, May 23

7) Reminders

- WVLS staff strive each week to make Monday Mentions helpful and worthwhile. [Feedback via this survey is appreciated.](#)
- **On May 18, DPI will co-host a webinar with Education Superhighway (ESH)** on how to use the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) registration toolkits created by the FCC and ESH. They will also provide guidance and best practices for identifying and connecting eligible households who lack home connectivity. The webinar will take place Wednesday, May 18 from 1 -

2 p.m. The webinar will also be recorded and available to view on the DPI Broadband website at a later date. [Click here to join the webinar.](#)

- **WVLS is awarding several full scholarships** to area library staff to attend the national 2022 Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference. The 2022 ARSL Conference will be held in Chattanooga, TN, and will run from September 14-17. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 20. For more information, and an application form, [visit the WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage.](#)