



1) ARSL Conference Scholarships Now Available

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. This conference is specifically designed for rural library staff. Previous conference topics have included building community advocacy, effective trustee recruitment, safety procedures, inexpensive programming ideas, innovative web services, customer service, and more.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 20. For more information, and an application form, [visit the WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage.](#)

2) Webinar This Thursday

The final webinar in the Spring Webinar Series is Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

Public Libraries and Fake News: How to Educate and Inform in the Age of Disinformation
[Register](#)

In this presentation, Sam Molzahn and Barbara Alvarez will share ideas about how public libraries can educate their communities about information literacy in a time where fake news seems to dominate. Sam and Barbara will discuss historical and contemporary concepts of disinformation, misinformation, and fake news, and provide ideas about how you can ensure access to credible resources and develop courses, resources, and partnerships to dismantle disinformation.

3) Collection Development Support Survey

WVLS would like to foster increased collection development support among V-Cat libraries.

One representative from each library is asked to [complete this survey](#) by Tuesday, May 3, to identify staff who participate in purchasing materials and weeding collections.

4) WLA Conference Extends Program Proposal Deadline

The Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference Programming Committee seeks program proposals for the next conference to be held November 1-4 at the Grand Geneva Hotel in Lake Geneva.

The theme for this year's conference is "Rising to the Challenge." Libraries are encouraged to share stories about overcoming obstacles, collaborating and preparing for future challenges. Topics geared toward trustees/friends or academic audiences are especially welcome.

Help the committee shape this year's conference by submitting your proposal [via this link](#) by Monday, May 9. Anyone needing assistance with proposals can contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

5) This Week's Webinars

- [Beanstack Staff Essentials](#) - 1 p.m. on Monday, May 2
- [The Basics of Buying Accessible Products and Services](#) - 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3
- [Creating a Culture of Volunteer Engagement](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4
- [Providing Immigration Help with Community Partnerships](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5
- [How to Evaluate Your Volunteer Strategy: Measuring Success](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 5
- [Introduction to Finding Grants](#) - 10 a.m. on Friday, May 6

6) Reminders

- **2022 Annual Report Programming and Activity Count Tracker Now Available**
The public library Program and Activity Count Tracker for 2022 is now available from the [Public Library Annual Report webpage](#). Several program related changes were introduced in the Public Libraries Survey for 2021. While program-related changes were not fully implemented with the 2021 WI Public Library Annual Report, DPI anticipates they will be with the 2022 report.

[Read more](#) on the Wisconsin Libraries are for Everyone blog.