



1) Upcoming Meetings and Events

- **Youth Services Meet-Up at the Rib Lake Public Library (in-person)**
Krista Blomberg will give a tour of the public park shelter and playground next to the library, and the remodeled youth space. Bring your summer reading program printables (brochures, reading logs, prize slips, etc.) to share and spark ideas. Send an RSVP to Anne Hamland at ahamland@wvls.org.
- **V-Cat Council Meeting**
Thursday, June 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Meeting Link - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/826279069>
- **The WVLS Office is closed on Monday, May 30**, in observance of Memorial Day. Courier will not run; it will resume on Tuesday, May 31. Monday Mentions will be sent out at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31.

2) Libraries Talk About Race Discussion Session Today

This session on Monday, May 23 at 1 p.m., is an opportunity to debrief on the content of the April webinar (Understanding Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matter in Majority White Spaces) in a safe and respectful environment with colleagues. Questions from participants will serve as the starting point for the discussions, and participants will be encouraged to share personal experiences. [Sign up here.](#)

3) PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive

Applications are now open for the [PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Training Incentive, supported by AT&T!](#) The new incentive program is designed to support library adoption of the new digital literacy courses and training materials, which are freely available in English and Spanish at [DigitalLearn.org](#). All public libraries in the U.S. are eligible to apply for one of two incentive amounts.

- Tier 1 Incentive recipients will receive \$4,000 and be required to conduct a minimum of three workshops reaching a total of 18 learners.
- Tier 2 Incentive recipients will receive \$7,000 and be required to conduct a minimum of five workshops reaching a minimum of 50 learners.

The application deadline is Friday, June 10 at 11:59 p.m. CST. Applications will be reviewed and selected by PLA this summer and recipients will be announced in August.

4) Play Make Learn Conference Registration Open

The [Play Make Learn Conference](#) is back in person this year and registration is now open. Play Make Learn happens on the UW-Madison campus and is scheduled for August 8-9.

The Play Make Learn Conference promotes high-quality learning opportunities for educators, researchers, developers, designers, foundation leaders, policy makers, museum and library professionals, and school leaders who are dedicated to promoting making, gaming, and playful learning. Scholarships are available. [Read more](#) on the Wisconsin Libraries For Everyone blog.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Dealing with Change: Using Mindfulness to Respond in Difficult Situations](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25
- [Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Library & Classroom](#) - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 25
- [Unleashing the Power of Recognition & Appreciation in Organizations](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25
- [You Got the Grant – Now What?: A Recipe For Grant Writing Success, Part 2](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25
- [Sustainability as Disaster Preparation](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31

6) Reminders

- WVLS staff strive each week to **make Monday Mentions** helpful and worthwhile. [Feedback via this survey is appreciated.](#)
- 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)
- **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.