



1) Award Nominations Now Open

Recognition helps encourage ideas, innovation, and a sense of pride in the work that librarians do. This year, consider taking a few moments to recognize a colleague or institution by nominating them for a Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) annual awards listed below. Nominees do not need to be WLA members for consideration.

[Citation of Merit](#), [Library of the Year Award](#), [Muriel Fuller Award](#), [Programming Innovation Award](#), [Special Service Award](#), [Trustee of the Year Award](#), [WLA/DEMCO Librarian of the Year Award](#)

The Awards & Honors Committee streamlined the award process to make it more inclusive. Nomination forms are shorter and digital. Annual awards will now recognize the recipient's work within the past 18 months. Criteria has been made more clear for nominators and rubrics are currently being developed to provide feedback to all nominees.

More information about the awards can be found [here](#). The deadline for nominations is Thursday, September 15.

2) Upcoming Meetings & Events

- [V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee](#) - Thursday, August 4 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- The recording from last week's [Aspen EBSCOhost Articles and Databases Training](#) is now available.

3) New Digital Byte

One in four people in the U.S. live with a disability. In this Digital Byte, Jamie talks about five mobile tools that could be helpful for this demographic. [View it here](#).

4) Recording Policies in the Library

One of the public library system offices received a strange phone call last week about filming a documentary at a library. It might be timely and worthwhile to review your library policies about recording/filming in public spaces. Below are some resources that could be helpful.

- [Uptick in First Amendment Audits](#)
- [Public Libraries in the Northeast Report Recent Rise of Encounters](#)
- [Auditing the First Amendment at Your Public Library](#)

Please contact WVLS if you have further questions or concerns.

5) Updates from the iSchool at UW-Madison

- [Fall registration is now open](#) for online courses. Three classes are being offered that are required for grades 2 and 3 director certification. [There are scholarships available](#) for grades 2 and 3 directors to take these courses, and applications are due August 5.
- The Back in Circulation Again Conference will be held in-person on October 3-4. Space for this conference is limited, so please [register soon](#).

6) Webinars This Week

- [The Relationship Between Personal Stress and Community Resilience](#) - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26
- Believing the Unseen: [Invisible Disabilities](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27
- [The Post-Pandemic Library: Managing Issues Now That They are Our Daily Routine](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27
- [Managing Implicit Bias in Your Library](#) – 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 28
- [Empower Your Library Against Book Bans](#) - 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 28
- [Design Inclusive Engagement Surveys: Strategies and Examples](#) - 11 a.m. on Monday, August 1

7) Library Marketing of the Year Award Nominations Open

Does your library have an outstanding marketing team that deserves recognition? The Library Journal will honor one library staffer or team with its sixth annual [Marketer of the Year award](#) in its October 2022 issues. The award places a special emphasis on an individual or team who has instituted or reinvigorated a marketing strategy in the past two years that has had measurable impact, created a new understanding of the community served, or improved the prominence of the library in the community. The deadline is Monday, August 15.

8) Reminders

- **WVLS Seeks Technology Support Specialist**
WVLS is seeking an innovative, knowledgeable, customer service- and team-oriented individual to provide professional and courteous technical support on computer hardware and software, peripherals, and handheld devices, onsite and remotely, to 35 public library service outlets in its 7-county central Wisconsin service area.

[More information is available on the WVLS website](#). Applications received by Friday, July 29 will receive first consideration. The position will remain open until a qualified candidate is determined.