

1) WLA Conference Registration Now Open

Get Ready to "Rise to the Challenge" this fall. Registration is now open for the WLA Annual Conference, scheduled for November 1 - 4, 2022 at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in beautiful Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This year, the conference registration fee includes:

- Three educational and informative keynote speakers, including New York Times bestselling author <u>Jason Reynolds</u>, Library Freedom Project Founder and Director <u>Alison Macrina</u> and 2021-2022 Wisconsin and Milwaukee Poet Laureate <u>Dasha Kelly Hamilton</u>
- Access to luncheon presentations by former <u>Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton</u> and Caldecott Medalist, Newbery Honoree, and #1 New York Times bestselling author and illustrator <u>Kevin Henkes</u>
- Nearly 70 breakout sessions
- Access to a growing list of exhibitors
- <u>Five meals</u> (three breakfasts and two lunches), two afternoon snack breaks, and an opening reception

<u>Early bird rates</u> and the cutoff date for the hotel guest rooms ends on Monday, October 22. <u>Make Your room reservation online</u> or call 262-248-8811/877-741-9548 and reference Wisconsin Library Association.

2) Introduction to WVLS Video

WVLS recently created an orientation video for new member library staff and board members. It covers the purpose of public library systems, how public library systems are governed, service highlights of WVLS, and more. View it here!

3) WVLS September Newsletter

The WVLS September Newsletter <u>is now available</u>. Features include: MCPL Staff Visit Brown County Library, Loyal Partners on Strength Training Class, Minocqua Ends Summer Programs at Water Park, and more. Libraries who would like something featured in the October newsletter should submit it to Jamie by Wednesday, September 28.

4) Webinar on Workforce Development

Library staff are often asked to help library users navigate job seekers and employment services. The

"Using Workforce Assistance Resources for Your Library" webinar will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 11 a.m.

This webinar will discuss how library directors and staff members who work with library users in search of workforce assistance may best utilize the resources. Register here.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- How to Turn Over a New Leaf this Fall with Doable Daily Wellness Practices 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Community Fundraising Success Stories 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Lessons in Authentic Allyship 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14
- Being in the Moment & Diminishing Anxiety 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14
- Fall Graphic Novels for All Levels 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15
- Mental Health in Library Customer Interactions 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15

6) Guidelines for Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Survey

The <u>IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Standing Committee</u> has a subcommittee working to develop guidelines for libraries to assist in serving persons with print disabilities. To help us in this work, we have developed a <u>short survey</u> and would appreciate your time in providing feedback. The survey is open for the month of September.

7) Reminders

So much of library work requires advocacy—for resources, for funding, for staff, for communities, and much more, yet many of us feel ill-equipped or reluctant to take on this role. In this virtual workshop series, we will engage in interactive activities designed to help you find your voice, tame your inner critic, and overcome imposter syndrome. Read more and register.

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