



### **1) WLA Conference Bus**

WVLS has a bus reserved for the WLA Conference in Lake Geneva. The bus will depart from the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, and depart Lake Geneva after the morning sessions are finished, around 11:30 am on Friday, November 4.

There are ramps near MCPL where people can leave cars. WVLS members can reserve a spot at no cost. Spots are available first-come, first-served. Contact Brenda Walenton at [bwalenton@wvls.org](mailto:bwalenton@wvls.org) by Monday, October 24, to reserve a spot.

[Early bird rates](#) and hotel guest room cut-offs end on Monday, October 10. [Make your room reservation online](#) or call 262-248-8811/877-741-9548 and reference Wisconsin Library Association.

### **2) Joint Calendar for Professional Learning Now Available**

In a collaborative partnership addressed during the Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) process, the DPI Library Services Team and the Wisconsin Public Library Systems are excited to announce the [Wisconsin Libraries Professional Learning Calendar](#).

Hosted by DPI using the Team Up platform and curated by the Public Library Systems, the calendar brings together learning events from Wisconsin library systems, associations, DPI Library Services, and other groups all in one place. Public library directors, staff, and trustees are now able to find relevant professional learning without searching multiple calendars and websites. Most events are Wisconsin-based, however major national library conferences are also included.

Search for specific events or browse by categories such as Interest Areas, event host, whether the event fulfills the technology requirement, and more. No account is needed to use the calendar. A [User Guide](#) is also available for quick reference.

Find the Wisconsin Libraries Professional Learning Calendar [on the DPI website](#), [on the WVLS website](#), or by bookmarking the [Team Up link](#).

### **3) Data Landscape Survey**

To better understand library and library system staff uses of/needs for data training and tools, the Southwest Wisconsin Library System and WiLS (funded through LSTA) are working on a staff-focused

“data landscape” project. The overarching goal is to ensure public library and system staff voices are amplified and centered throughout the project to ensure that the findings and recommendations are based on real, demonstrable information. The final report will be shared by late spring 2023.

This project is beginning with a survey that covers: data competence, data confidence, access to data-related resources, time- and job-related demands, and general attitudes towards/trust in key data sources. This survey is open to ALL public libraries and public library system staff. At least one response from each public library is ideal.

[The survey](#) should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. All information is confidential and will only be reported in aggregated format. The survey will remain open until Friday, October 21.

#### **4) Upcoming Webinars**

- [How to Create a Proactive Retention Strategy](#) - 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3
- [Addressing Stress in the Workplace](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4
- [Public Library Staff and Diversity: Results from PLA's 2021 Survey](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4
- [Keeping Your Digital Life Organized](#) - 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4
- [9 Practices To Energize Belonging In Your Organization](#) - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6
- [Beyond the Post: Making Social Media Work for Your Library](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6
- [Cultivating the Reading Identity of Black Boys](#) - 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6

#### **5) Additional V-Cat Training Opportunity**

V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training – Attaching items to bib records

Wednesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | [Registration Link](#) | [Training Link](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of attaching item records to existing bib records in the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who are new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in refresher training.

#### **6) WISCAT Training Available**

Does your library staff need training on WISCAT or resource sharing? Wisconsin DPI staff are available to train new and existing staff. [Use this contact form](#) to get started.

#### **7) Recollection Wisconsin Helps Bring Local History to Students**

Recollection Wisconsin has launched a [refreshed website for educators](#) teaching state and local history in K-12 classrooms.

Recollection Wisconsin provides free online access to over half a million historical photos, maps, documents, and narratives that tell the stories of Wisconsin's people and places. The site helps teachers find these valuable primary sources quickly and easily, so they can use them to spark students' curiosity about the past and how it connects to the present and the future. [Read more.](#)

## 8) Reminders

- WVLS has a new recorded webinar posted, “**Social Media Trends: For 2022-2023 and Beyond,**” presented by Laura Solomon. Social media has always had trends, and this year is no exception. Find out what types of content professional marketers are focusing on now and in the near future, and how some of these trends might work for your own library. Stay on top of what’s working and what’s not. This webinar is worth 1 contact hour in public library certification. [View it here.](#)