



1) News This Week

- The **WVLS Office** is closed from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6 for a staff holiday gathering.
- The **Reluctant Library Advocate Webinar** will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7. [Register here.](#)
- The deadline to apply for a **WEMTA Conference scholarship** is Friday, December 9. Applicants must currently work at a WVLS area public or K-12 school library and have one year of experience working in libraries. [See the WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage for an application.](#)

2) Registration Open for 'Wild Wisconsin' Conference

Registration is now open for the [11th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#), on January 25-26, 2023. Fourteen sessions will be available in four different tracks, including Management, Marketing, Reference & Reader's Advisory (new), and Sustainability (new).

All 14 conference sessions will be captioned and recorded in the event people are unable to attend the live session. Each session is worth 1 contact hour for public library certification.

3) WVLS December Newsletter

[The WVLS December Newsletter](#) is now available. Features include: Holiday memories, an ILS Consortium update, a successful event at Colby, and more.

Libraries who would like to submit something in the January newsletter should submit it to Jamie by Wednesday, December 28.

4) CSLP Virtual Summer Symposium This Thursday

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Virtual Summer Symposium will be held this Thursday, December 8 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Keynote Speaker is Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director of ALA. She will address *The Library as a Civic Bridge and Community Learning Hub*.

[Read more and register via the YSS Blog.](#)

5) ILS Updates

- The Sierra by Innovative product demonstration is Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15.

- ILS demonstration recordings are available. Recordings are split into separate modules so that you can select one or two sessions of interest. All library staff who use Sierra are encouraged to view demonstration sessions and complete a corresponding post-demonstration survey. Links for demonstrations and surveys can be found on the [V-Cat ILS Demonstrations page](#). (Contact [Katie](#) for the password.)

6) Next Ryan Dowd Training: Homeless De-Escalation 201: Nonverbal Tools That Eliminate Conflict

Thursday, December 15; 1 p.m.

- Why it doesn't matter what you say (especially when working with vulnerable folks)
- How nonverbal communication drives conflict
- Five tools that eliminate most conflicts

Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available via Zoom for four weeks.

7) Registration Open for Annual for Lake Superior Libraries Unsymposium

The eleventh annual Lake Superior Libraries Unsymposium will be held in-person this year on Friday, January 13, 2023, from 1 - 4:30 p.m. at Superior Public Library in Superior, Wisconsin. The Unsymposium is free and open to everyone.

Rather than inviting speakers to talk about predetermined topics related to a specific theme, unsymposium attendees brainstorm discussion topics and then vote for their favorites! The Unsymposium will feature invigorating discussion with other library folks. [Registration is open now!](#)

8) "Light the Way" Grant Now Open

The ALSC Programs and Services Recognition committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant! Applications and supporting materials, including the required timeline, budget, and signature form are due by December 22nd, 2022. The grant is open to any project that seeks to engage an underserved population of children from birth up to the age of 14.

[Visit the ALSC website](#) for more information and to apply.

9) Upcoming Webinars

- [BadgerLink Public Library Resources](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [Introduction to Proposal Writing](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7
- [Remember Your Patrons Living with Memory Loss](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7
- [Learning Express Library Database](#) - 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8
- [Learn About Google Secrets](#) - 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12