



### 1) ALA Conference Scholarships Available

WVLS is awarding scholarships to area library staff to attend the national 2023 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference.

The 2023 [ALA Annual Conference](#) will be held in Chicago and will run from June 22-27. As the world's largest library event, the ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition brings together thousands of librarians and library staff, educators, authors, publishers, friends of libraries, trustees, special guests, and exhibitors.

Valued at \$3,800, this WVLS ALA Conference scholarship includes registration, lodging, round-trip mileage and meals. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the entire conference.

The scholarship application deadline is by 12 p.m. CST on Monday, March 13. [Download and submit an application.](#)

### 2) Workforce Assistance Workshop on March 10

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and its partners are hosting an in-person workshop Friday, March 10 to discuss resources and networking opportunities available for library staff. Those who attend will learn about multiple workforce development and wraparound service initiatives, tools, resources, and best practices for forming local partnerships, from the Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management (WISHRM), and the Portage Area Workforce & Service Connection.

Space is limited and [early registration](#) prior to the March 3 deadline is encouraged. Questions about the workshop, registration or particular accommodations may be directed to DPI Public Library Consultant Chris Baker ([chris.baker@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:chris.baker@dpi.wi.gov)) or South Central Library staff member Mark Jochem ([mjochem@scls.info](mailto:mjochem@scls.info)).

### 3) Privacy Tutorials for Front-Line Staff and Managers Now Available

Wisconsin public library workers now have access to a tutorial covering the basics of privacy and public libraries, with specific attention to Wisconsin laws. These tutorials were created by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's iSchool, and are sponsored by Wisconsin Public Library Systems with support from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

- [Privacy and Wisconsin Public Libraries Tutorial for Front-Line Staff](#): This tutorial includes three modules. Each module consists of a short (8-9 minute) video, links to additional reading, and a short comprehension quiz. The goal is to help front-line staff understand the reasons behind

privacy policies and laws, as well as learning how to interact effectively with library users about privacy.

- [Privacy and Wisconsin Public Libraries Tutorial for Managers and Directors](#): Library directors and managers can access a short tutorial with suggestions for working with staff, creating policies, and other administrative tasks related to protecting patron privacy. Completion certificates are available.

Contact Anne Hamland [ahamland@wvls.org](mailto:ahamland@wvls.org) with questions, or if you have any difficulty accessing the tutorials.

#### 4) February Inclusive Services Update

This month's Inclusive Services Update includes resources, continuing education, consumables and a listing of diverse holidays. [Read it here](#).

#### 5) 'Connected LibFest' for Small and Rural Libraries

ConnectedLibFEST is the first ever event specifically focused on connected learning in small and rural libraries and communities. This virtual experience takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 15 and 16, from 12 - 4 p.m. CST.

Each day brings together library staff, researchers, and community members to learn from and with each other about bringing Connected Learning to small and rural library settings. Small and rural libraries are already using the principles of connected learning in their work. [Read more and register](#).

#### 6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Conveying Impact Through Data-Driven Storytelling](#), 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21
- [T\(w\)eens: Programming, Partnership, and Burnout](#), 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21
- [Self-Care from the Management Perspective](#), 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22
- [Copyright and Fair Use for Libraries](#), 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23

#### 7) Reminders

WVLS and the Rhinelander District Library are pleased to announce that the **Children's Book Fest** will be held in-person this year! Now in its 35th year, this year's event will be held May 1-2 at the Pines Event Center in Rhinelander.

Attendees can browse recommended youth and teen titles published in 2022 made available through the Children's Cooperative Book Center (CCBC). Stay for the CCBC presentation "Current Trends in Children's Literature and the Best New Books of 2022" and learn how its nationally renowned Intellectual Freedom Information Services can help your library. Books will be available for purchase on site. The cost to attend Book Fest is \$15. [Register here to attend](#).