



### 1) 'Book Fest' Set for May 1-2

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.](#)

### 2) Upcoming Events and Reminders.

- **V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Open Hours Training**  
Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Library staff who want to learn to create record lists to review and update patron, item or bibliographic record information, or for collection maintenance are encouraged to attend. Attendees can bring questions about how to use the Sierra Create Lists function to query the database using saved queries, and how to export record data to Excel.

[Registration Link](#) [Training Session Link](#)

- **V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee Meeting**

Thursday, February 9, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [ILS Evaluation and Review committee page](#) of the WVLS website ahead of the meeting.

- The next **WVLS Annual Report Open Office Hours** will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 9. WVLS staff will be available for questions related to the Annual Report. [Sign-in here.](#)

### 3) Patron Cards Available from WVLS

WVLS maintains an inventory of patron cards on behalf of its libraries. Libraries that are contacted by a vendor mentioning that it is time to reorder should be aware that this is a scam. Send questions about spam emails and requests for patron cards to WVLS at [help@librarieswin.org](mailto:help@librarieswin.org).

#### 4) Teen Librarian Meet Up

Each month, Waupaca Area Public Library Teen Librarian Taylor Wilcox and La Crosse Public Library Teen Librarian Linda Jerome host conversations with young adult/teen services librarians from across the state.

This month's meetup, themed All Together Now! Let's Talk About Teen Services and SLP!, will be held on Monday, February 13 from 11:30 am - 12:30 p.m. To attend the meetup, reach out to Taylor Wilcox at [twilcox@waupacalibrary.org](mailto:twilcox@waupacalibrary.org) for a link to the Zoom meeting.

#### 5) WLA Leadership Development Institute Applications Open

Applications are now being accepted for the newly revamped WLA Leadership Development Institute! The 2023 Leadership Development Institute (LDI) is a highly immersive training program designed specifically for our profession. Based on several overarching leadership competencies, participants will interact in cohort groups throughout the six-month program. Each module includes the introduction of problem-solving skills and real-life applications. Instructors represent a wide range of disciplines both within the library community as well as outside of the profession. Based on feedback from past Institute participants and our current membership and including recommendations from UW-Madison Extension instructors, the 2023 LDI program curriculum has been refreshed with updated content and a new format (a mix of in-person and virtual sessions) designed to make the program more inclusive. [Read more](#).

#### 6) "Lead the Way" Conference Registration Open

Registration is now open for the Lead the Way Conference: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement, April 24-25 in Madison, WI. Conference registration is \$325 with reduced rate options. In addition to the great sessions happening during the conference, there is a post-conference workshop on Tuesday afternoon. [Read more](#).

#### 7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Diversity in Genre Fiction](#) - 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7
- [Accessibility Isn't Just for Patrons](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8
- [Privacy is Precious](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9
- [Creating a Culture of Volunteer Engagement](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9

#### 8) Reminders

- Last week's Monday Mentions announced all Wisconsin public library directors would be sent an email regarding a Public Library Staff Compensation Survey. Since that announcement, surveys were sent from the Qualtrics survey platform to all public library directors using the email addresses on file with DPI as of January 1, 2023. This survey is part of a Library Services Technology Act-funded (LSTA) library staff compensation study coordinated by the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW) and is being performed by Carlson Dettmann Consulting.

Library directors who did not receive the survey should reach out to [alyssa.woltring@carlsondettmann.com](mailto:alyssa.woltring@carlsondettmann.com).

The survey will be open from February 1 through March 17 and should take most libraries around 20 minutes to complete. Detailed instructions, including a video demonstration on how to fill out the survey, were included with the email announcement.

- “[Check Out Wisconsin State Parks.](#)” a collaboration among Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries, Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, invited 20 public libraries to participate in a pilot program to distribute state park day passes at libraries around the state. The Wisconsin DNR has some partners that have expressed interest in helping to fund the program in the future. [See the flier](#) for more information from the DNR about how libraries can get involved. Libraries interested in purchasing passes to participate in the program, [should take this library interest survey](#) before March 1.