



### 1) WVLS Welcomes New Staff Member

WVLS welcomed Erica Brewster to the WVLS team on Monday, April 3.

Erica should look familiar to WVLS member librarians, as her previous position was as director of the Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. In her WVLS role, Erica will focus on technology support and public services consulting.

"I'm excited to take what I have learned from nearly a decade in a rural Wisconsin library along with the experience I have in facilitation and turn it around to support my fellow library directors and librarians in WVLS," she said.

Welcome, Erica!

### 2) National Library Week Coming Soon

This year's National Library Week, held on April 23-29, will celebrate "There's More to the Story."

Libraries are filled with stories about the wide variety of formats in their collections, from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks, and the value of those resources to users. But there's so much more to the library's story.

National Library Week 2023 will be a great time to tell your library's multi-faceted story. [The ALA website](#) has several free tools available to help your library promote National Library Week 2023, including press releases and social media shares.

### 3) Upcoming Events

- The next round of [Gale Courses](#) begin on Wednesday, April 12. Courses are available in photography, computer science, finance, business and more! Librarians who complete a Gale Course earn 24 contact hours toward public library certification. Contact [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) for more information.
- The next **V-Cat Collection Development Meet Up** will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 1-2:30 pm. Contact [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org) for more information.
- The V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee will host **two remote site visits** next week:
  - Monday, April 17 1:30 pm - AspenCat / CLiC (Colorado Library Consortium)
  - Thursday, April 20 1:00 pm SEKnFind / SEKLS (Southeast Kansas Library System)Contact [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org) for more information.

#### 4) Now Posted

- [WVLS April Newsletter](#)

Features include: Seed Libraries, Fireside Chats, ILS Updates and more. Libraries who would like an item featured in the May newsletter should submit it to Jamie by Friday, April 28.

- [WVLS April Inclusive Services Update](#)

Features include: Continuing Education Opportunities, Consumables and Diverse Holidays.

#### 5) Book Fest Reminder

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).

Books will be available for purchase on site. The cost to attend Book Fest is \$15.

[Register here to attend.](#)

#### 6) OverDrive App Ends This Month

The OverDrive App will no longer be available after this month. Please suggest that patrons access the Libby app as soon as possible. After the OverDrive app is sunset, users who try to access a library's collection in the OverDrive app will receive a message suggesting the Libby app. Contact Rachel Metzler at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org) if there are questions.

#### 7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Making Presentations Accessible](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11
- [Cataloging Basics](#) - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12 (registration closes on 4/11)
- [Applying for ALA Grants: Tips for Friends of the Library Groups and Foundations](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 13

#### 8) Reminders

Next Ryan Dowd Training

Homeless De-Escalation 401: Managing Your Own Emotions During Conflict

Thursday, April 13; 1 p.m.

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