



## 1) WLA Conference Seeking Program Proposals

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) is excited to announce that the call for proposals for the 2023 WLA Annual Conference is now open. The conference will be held at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin on October 24-27.

This year's theme is "Don't Stop Believing," and the conference committee is seeking presentations that explore new and innovative ways to support library professionals and the communities we serve. Proposals focusing on topics such as technology, literacy, collections, and outreach are welcome. Complete this [online form](#) by Friday, May 12.

## 2) Upcoming Events

- The V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee will host two remote site visits next week:
  - Monday, April 17 1:30 p.m. - AspenCat / CLiC (Colorado Library Consortium)
  - Thursday, April 20 1 p.m. - SEKnFind / SEKLS (Southeast Kansas Library System)Contact [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org) for more information.
- The next V-Cat Collection Development Meet Up will be Wednesday, April 19 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Email [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org) for more information.
- Youth Services Check-In
  - Wednesday, April 19, 2 - 3 p.m.
  - [Join your IFLS and WVLS colleagues](#) to talk about your favorite tips for how to bring back the group's focus when a program starts to go off the rails.

## 3) Next Week is 'National Library Week'

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.

## 4) Upcoming Webinars

- [Beyond Diversity 101: Micro-inequities, Implicit Bias, and Moving Toward Equity](#) - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18
- [Accessibility Toolkit: Accessible Documents and PDFs](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18
- [Creativity and Connection: Engaging Older Adults Through the Arts](#) – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18
- [Building Community Through Book Clubs](#) – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19
- [Proactive Planning for Library Staff Transitions](#) – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19

## 5) Reminders

- **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.](#)
- **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.