



1) Rollout of United for Libraries Trustee Training

Affirming the belief that trustee education is a key component of public library and system success, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Library Services Team is close to rolling out a new statewide program to provide access to a suite of trustee trainings from United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

The Learning Live webinars are the hot items right now, as they feature timely topics. These webinars have been added to the DPI professional learning calendar that is shared on the WVLS Continuing Education website. Free attendance to the 3-day 2023 United for Libraries Virtual Conference from August 1-3 is included with this new program. [Follow this link and register](#) before participating in any learning activities. Note that it may take longer than one business day to get registered for the program.

As part of the service rollout, Public Library Administration Consultant Shannon Schultz has created an email distribution list for all public library trustees in the state. Shannon has sent an announcement to that list, and periodic updates about this new program will continue to be shared.

2) Registration Open for Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Registration for the [eleventh Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#) is now open! LSLS23: Matter of Fact: Information Literacy in an Age of Fake News will be held on Friday, June 9 at the Kathryn A. Martin Library on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus in Duluth. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students from the Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate. [Register today.](#)

3) ILS Site Visit

The V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee will host one more remote site visit at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 4 with the Round Rock Public Library. Email ils.admin@wvls.org for more information.

4) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Homeless De-Escalation 501: Verbal Tools for Conflict

Thursday, May 11; 1 p.m.

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks. This training will cover:

- Basic verbal tools for setting boundaries and enforcing rules
- Advanced verbal tools for tougher situations (someone who is drunk/high, argumentative, etc.)

- How to deal with folks who want to monopolize your time

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Library Services to Homeschoolers](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3
- [Providing Effective Feedback to Employees on All Levels](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3
- [How to Move Past Midwest Nice Towards Safety and Belonging](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 4

6) Game-Based Programming

Chris Baker, Public Library Consultant for DPI's Division for Libraries and Technology, is gathering game-based library programming staff from across the state to pool resources and for collaboration. Whether interested in specific kinds of programming - escape room programs, game design workshops, VR or augmented reality programs, ongoing structured video game, table top, or board game nights - those who would like to participate should reach out to Chris at christopher.baker@dpi.wi.gov.

7) Innovations in Accessible Comics for Blind & Low Vision Readers Symposium

[Accessible Comics for the Blind](#) is presenting their Innovations in Accessible Comics Zoom symposium from 12 - 3:30 p.m. on Friday May 5, 2023, where attendees can hear from the winners of their recent Accessible Comics Design Competition. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn from the blind access experts Thomas Reid, Joshua Miele, Walei Sabry, and Silvana Rainey as they provide their feedback for the prizewinners. [Registration is free and available via the Zoom platform.](#)

8) Reminders

- 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 from 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 they serve. Proposals focusing on topics such as technology, literacy, collections, and outreach are welcome. Complete this [online form](#) by Friday, May 12.

- **At 10 a.m. on Monday, May 15, an Aspen Grouping Training** will be offered for novice and experienced users of Aspen. This training will cover grouping and ungrouping record results in Aspen to provide patrons with a great searching experience. People may attend the training in the WVLS office or online. Those who wish to attend the training online [can sign in here](#). Please email Rachel at rmetzler@wvls.org if you plan to attend.