



1) Registration Open for Director's Retreat

Registration is now open for the 2023 WVLS Director's Retreat, "Coming Together," on Friday, September 15. Session topics, guest speakers, resources and refreshments will be provided. WVLS Directors should check their inbox for an invitation and a link to register for the event.

2) Gale Courses Starting in August

The next round of [Gale Courses](#) begin on Wednesday, August 16. Courses are available in grant writing, computer skills, grammar, personal enrichment and more! Librarians who complete a Gale Course earn 24 contact hours toward public library certification. Contact Jamie (jmatczak@wvls.org) for more information.

3) United For Libraries Virtual 2023

This interactive three-day virtual event on August 1-3 will feature expert speakers on current topics facing library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them. Programming runs from 10 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. daily with scheduled breaks. Registrants may participate in some or all program sessions live, and/or watch recordings on-demand.

Wisconsin has purchased statewide registration making both live attendance and on-demand access free to all library directors/staff, Trustees/board members, Friends, and Foundations.

Are you already registered in your statewide access course? [Click this link](#) and it will automatically register you for the 2023 United for Libraries Virtual course.

[Click this link](#) if you need to register for your statewide access. Contact united@ala.org for assistance with registration.

4) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Social Workers in Libraries: A Conversation with Beth Wahler and Sarah Johnson

Thursday, August 3; 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Ryan will be interviewing Beth Wahler and Sarah Johnson, authors of the upcoming book *Creating a Person-Centered Library: Best Practices for Supporting High-Needs Patrons*. They will talk about how libraries can partner with social services.

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

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Brain Drain: How to Combat Burnout](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25
- [Communication and Collaboration vs. Perspectives and Assumptions](#) - 1 p.m. on Wed. July 26
- [How to Be an Engine of Transformation](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 27
- [The 5 Most Common Mistakes Supervisors Make](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, July 31

6) Reminders

- Tech Days 2023 is a virtual webinar series held on September 12 and 13, where librarians can learn from top tech experts without having to travel.

Go to the [Tech Days website](#) to find descriptions, read more about the presenters, and register for the webinars. All webinars will be recorded, captioned, and available on the Resources page. Each session is worth 1.5 contact hours for public library certification technology credit.

- The new [Wisconsin Library Buildings & Spaces Project](#) is live! Library staff and trustees may view these on-demand webinars and sign up for the accompanying LIVE Q&A Sessions taking place this month.

[Bookmark the website today](#). Funding for this statewide project was provided from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Sponsors include the Wisconsin Public Library Systems and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.