



1) Scholarships Available for WLA Conference

WVLS scholarships are now available to member libraries and member library trustees to attend the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Conference in Middleton from October 24-27.

Applicants must have one year of experience working in public libraries or serving on a public library board as of October 1, 2023.

[See the WVLS website](#) for more information and an application. The deadline to apply is by 6 p.m. on Monday, September 11.

[Early bird registration](#) is now open for the conference. Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) with questions.

2) Upcoming Closures and Events

- **The WVLS office is closed** on Monday, September 4 (Labor Day).
- **Delivery service will not run on Monday, September 4** (Labor Day). It will resume service on Tuesday, September 5.
- **Next week's issue of Monday Mentions** will be posted at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5.
- The next **V-Cat Council meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) ahead of time.

3) Statewide Stickers in Delivery

To help promote Library Card Sign-Up Month in September and beyond, system consultants designed vinyl, die-cut stickers for libraries to hand out to new and existing library patrons, board members and community members. These can be placed on water bottles, laptops, phone cases and more. WVLS libraries who requested stickers should receive them in delivery this week.

To promote the stickers and Library Card Sign-Up Month, there are several social media templates on Canva available:

[Template 1](#) [Template 2](#) [Template 3](#)

Don't forget that [ALA has a Library Card Sign-up Month Toolkit](#). Contact Jamie (jmatczak@wvls.org) at WVLS with questions.

4) Broadband Access Regional Workshops

The UW Community Economic Development is putting on two-day Broadband Regional Workshops in September and October in Rice Lake, Tomah, Fond du Lac and Rhinelander, offering regional planning strategies for securing BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment) funds.

This event will provide valuable insights into broadband expansion and digital equity strategies. Engage with experts and participate in conversations that can help your community access funding and build successful partnerships for a connected future. Registration for each two-day session is \$90 and covers lunch, refreshments and materials. More information and registration [can be found here](#).

5) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Substance Abuse 101: An Overview of the Effects and Risks of Common Drugs

Thursday, Sept. 7; 1 p.m.

Topics Covered:

- Warning signs someone is under the influence or in withdrawal
- Drug paraphernalia to look for at your organization
- The risk someone will overdose or become aggressive

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

6) WiLS Offering Data Classroom Training

WiLS (Wisconsin Library Services) is offering a WiLS Data Classroom training experience in 2023-2024.

This hands-on research and data analysis training program will run October - April with monthly meetings and asynchronous training resources. Participants will leave with a completed data research project at the end of the course. The cost is \$1250. For more information or to get started, contact Kim Kiesewetter at kim@wils.org.

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Decompress As a Supervisor - What to Do When You're Overloaded](#): 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28
- [Dyslexia and the Public Library](#): 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29
- [Writing Policy Without Worry](#): 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30
- [Disaster Prevention, Response and Recovery for Libraries](#): 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30