



1) This Week

- V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee: Thursday, August 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review](#) page.
- The [WVLS August Inclusive Services](#) update is now posted online. It features resources, continuing education opportunities, and diverse holidays.

2) Registration and Scholarships for WLA Conference

Registration for the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Annual Conference will be available later this month. The conference takes place at the Madison Marriott West (Middleton) from October 24-27 in Middleton. Scholarships will be available to WVLS member libraries and trustees. Watch for more information in future Monday Mentions.

3) WVLS to Cancel Gale Courses Subscription

Due to low usage and high cost per use, WVLS has decided to cancel its subscription to Gale Courses. Courses will be available through October 31, but libraries should plan to remove Gale Courses information from their websites before October 1. If assistance is needed for this process, contact Erica Brewster at help@librarieswin.org.

WVLS will be exploring alternative educational digital resources. Contact WVLS Database and ILS Support Specialist Rachel Metzler at rmetzler@wvls.org to suggest databases to consider.

4) Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshop Waitlist

Two solar eclipses are coming to North America – an Annular Eclipse in October 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse in April 2024 – and it's time for public library staff to get ready! An in-person workshop this fall will prepare and empower public library staff to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons that build curiosity, knowledge and inspiration.

- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire on Tuesday, September 19 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

WVLS member librarians who are interested in attending should contact DPI Public Library Consultant Jeni Schomber at jennifer.schomber@dpi.wi.gov. Space is limited.

5) Web Training This Week

Responsive Website Design
Tuesday, Aug. 8; 10 - 11 a.m.

Attendees will learn the importance of mobile website design and review tools available for website visitors to find the information they need.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 824 6114 8444 Passcode: vzPmC2dW

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [How to Prepare Your Team for Changes](#): 12 p.m. on Tues. August 8
- [Deploying Soft Skills in the Library Setting](#): 10 a.m. on Wed. August 9
- [Handling Difficult Behaviors in Tough Conversations](#): 1 p.m. on Wed. August 9
- [Staff-Led Strategic Planning - A Roadmap to Success](#): 1 p.m. on Wed. August 9
- [AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities](#): 2 p.m. on Wed. August 9

7) 'Trustee Training Week' Two Weeks from Today

The [Trustee Training Week](#) webinars start the week of Monday, August 21. Here is the line up:

- Monday, August 21 - [How to Use Marketing to Position Your Library in Challenging Times](#) with Angela Hursh
- Tuesday, August 22 - [Wisconsin Library Law](#) with Kris Turner
- Wednesday, August 23 - [Nurturing Your Library Culture](#) with Jeannie Dilger
- Thursday, August 24 - [LGBTQ-Inclusive Trusteeship](#) with Ray Lockman
- Friday, August 25 - [Elected Officials are People, Too](#) with Lori Fisher

All webinars will be recorded and archived if trustees can't attend. Please share these webinars with your board of trustees and friends.

8) Reminders

September is fast approaching and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is interested in hearing about any innovative programming or initiatives planned for Library Card Sign Up Month. They want to highlight your stories in upcoming communications from DPI, including the Wisconsin Libraries for Everyone newsletter. Contact Jeni Schomber at jeni.schomber@dpi.wi.gov if you have cool stuff to share.

In addition, Assistant State Superintendent Dr. Darrell Williams is hoping to schedule visits to public libraries around the state during the month of September. If you'd like to schedule a visit with him, please reach out to Beth Tomev at Elizabeth.Tomev@dpi.wi.gov to work out logistics and scheduling.