



1) This Week

- **NICE Team Meeting:** 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The agenda and additional information can be found on the [NICE project website](#).
- **Sierra Cataloging Training - Attaching Items:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Information and registration links can be [accessed here](#).
- **Backstage Process:** This is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25. WVLS will send out a file of its bib records for Backstage cleanup. Do not edit bib records on this day.

2) Advanced Registration for WLA Conference

The WLA Conference offers a unique opportunity to network with peers, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insights from industry experts. Whether you are a seasoned professional or a newcomer to the field, this conference will provide you with the resources and knowledge you need to take your career to the next level.

[Advanced registration](#) ends on Friday, October 6.

3) Web Trainings This Week

- Website 201: Just Beyond the Basics:
 - 2 - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20
Regular meet-up for those with basic website skills who want to become more proficient and efficient at managing their website.
[Join Zoom Meeting](#): Meeting ID: 822 7533 7517 Passcode: Je8xZB51
- Anchor Links
 - 2 - 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21
Learn how to use anchor links to help readers "jump to" information.
[Join Zoom Meeting](#): Meeting ID: 879 4686 1843 Passcode: yE0GamDv
- Website 201: Just Beyond the Basics
 - 3 - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21
Regular meet-up for those with basic website skills who want to become more proficient and efficient at managing their website.
[Join Zoom Meeting](#): Meeting ID: 886 1445 9647 Passcode: 2HdfhyAU

4) Workforce Development Collaboration Workshop

The Library Services Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is offering an in-person workforce development collaboration workshop in Hayward from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 19.

Libraries are asked to do more than ever to help their communities thrive – often by assisting job seekers in gaining meaningful, livable employment. This can take the form of helping library users in job searching, application prep, and other social/employment services – which can be challenging for frontline staff to navigate alone.

[Registration is now open](#) and will close on October 12, or when the workshop hits capacity.

5) ‘Librarians Transforming Communities’ Grants Available

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. To be eligible, a library must have a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

ALA will award two rounds of grants to be distributed over the next three years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide the improvement of the library’s services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

[Applications will close](#) on Monday, December 11.

6) What’s New for the 2023 Public Library Annual Report

In preparation for the 2023 Public Library Annual Report, a What’s New summary is now posted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The summary includes instructions on how to fill in and submit the annual report, a worksheet, and several training slide decks.

Library systems and local directors are encouraged to review What’s New for the 2023 Annual Report. [Read more.](#)

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Super Searchers for Library Workers](#): 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19
- [Transforming Libraries Through Trauma-Informed Services](#): 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20
- [Strategic Planning With Your Organization](#): 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21
- [Introduction to Fundraising Planning](#): 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22
- [How to Manage Up](#): 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25