



1) Schedule “Tally Week” in October

Have you scheduled your library’s annual survey week this October to collect data for the public library annual report? The annual report requires an annual count of reference transactions, library visits and use of public computers. However, if a library is not able to maintain an annual count for any of these data elements, it is recommended that the library do a tally during a “typical” week or weeks, and then multiply the count to make an annual estimate. [Read more in the WVLS September Newsletter.](#)

2) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Erica gives an overview of the WVLS Public Library Statistics booklet and talks about how this information can be used for your library. [Watch it here.](#)

3) Lake Superior Libraries Mid-Winter Unsymposium

Save the date for the 12th Annual [Lake Superior Libraries Mid-Winter Unsymposium](#) at the Superior Public Library. Join this event from 1 - 4 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024, for an afternoon of networking, discussion, and collaborative learning & problem-solving! Participants brainstorm a host of topics, which are then selected in a bottom-up, democratic manner.

The Unsymposium is free and open to everyone. Registration will open soon.

4) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Drunk or High: How to De-Escalate Someone Who is Under the Influence

Thursday, October 12; 1 p.m.

Topics Covered:

- Which substances are linked to aggressive behavior
- What to always do when encountering someone under the influence
- Types of drunk/high people and how to handle each

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

- [How to Manage Up](#): 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25
- [How to Survive in a Toxic Workplace](#): 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26
- [Introduction to Measuring Your Impact](#): 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27

- [Show Me the Data](#): 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28

6) Reminders

- **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.
- **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. [Registration is now open](#) and will close on October 12, or when the workshop hits capacity.
- **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. [Applications will close](#) on Monday, December 11.