

1) This Week

- NICE Team Meeting
 - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17. An agenda will be shared on the <u>documents page</u> of the <u>NICE project website</u> ahead of the meeting.
- V-Cat Sierra Create Lists The Easy Way
 - 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18 Attendees will learn the basics of Sierra Create Lists and how to use saved queries to create reports and export record data to Excel. Link to register | Link to attend
- Web Training: Just Beyond the Basics
 - 11 a.m. 12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 861 8734 6166 Passcode: kE3ApFAP
- Web Training: Shortcodes
 - 2 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 895 7480 1616 Passcode: Pi5V5tKC

2) PLA Technology Survey

The Public Library Association (PLA) 2023 Technology Survey is now open and accepting responses through Saturday, December 16. More information about the survey can be found in this <u>press release</u> and on the <u>PLA website</u>.PLA provides technical assistance as needed for public libraries to complete the survey. Questions can be directed to <u>plabenchmark@ala.org</u>. A free public report will be published in summer 2024.

3) Delivery Tracking Coming Soon

Public libraries in Wisconsin will track incoming and outgoing delivery materials for one week in later October/early November. This data will be used to study trends and delivery efficiencies among systems.

Watch for more information in a future Monday Mentions.

4) IDEA Team Seeking Members

Planning for the 2024-25 <u>Libraries Talk about Race Project</u> is underway and the team members are seeking two new IDEA Team members for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 projects. Based on feedback gathered from the Wisconsin library community, the IDEA Team is working on the following projects.

• Offering Continuing Education opportunities

- Developing a statewide support network for BIPOC library staff
- Planning a BIPOC-centered one-day conference

The time commitment is a monthly, 90-minute meeting on the third Friday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. <u>Complete the IDEA Team Member Application Form</u> to indicate interest. Contact Sherry Machones at <u>smachones@northernwaters.org</u> if there are any questions.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- <u>Why Your Annual Report Should Be a Marketing Tool and Not a Snooze Fest</u> 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17
- Licensing E-Resources for Accessibility 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18
- Promos That Pop: How to Spread the Word About Your School Library 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18
- <u>Growing Readers Together: Outdoor Spaces with High Plains Library District</u> 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 19

6) Registration for Unsymposium Now Open

Registration is now open for the <u>12th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Mid-Winter Unsymposium</u> from 1 - 4 p.m. on Friday, January 12 at the Superior Public Library. The afternoon will consist of networking, discussion, and collaborative problem-solving! The Unsymposium is free and open to everyone.

7) Reminders

LEAN WI Seeks Technology Support Consultant

The IFLS Library System is seeking a self-starter, service-oriented and collaborative individual to join the dedicated and friendly team as the new Technology Support Consultant. This unique position will be shared by the IFLS Library System, Northern Waters Library Service, and the Wisconsin Valley Library Service as part of the LEAN WI collaboration.

Responsibilities include: consulting/training on member library websites using a standard WordPress website, assisting libraries with website functionality, acting as a resource for digitization projects, and more.

The deadline to apply is Friday, October 27. See the job description for additional information.