

Monthly Update to Member Libraries ~ November 2023

WVLS MAKERSPACE

This month's highlighted item: **Dash & Dot Robot** kit. Learn to code as you play with robot friends. Robots arrive fully assembled and ready to use. Use free Wonder Workshop applications on Apple or Android devices to program Dash & Dot to do anything you imagine! Dash & Dot interact with the world using sensors. They hear sounds, detect objects, and know if they are being moved. Deliver a message to a friend, have a dance party, or even navigate through an obstacle course. Book makerspace kits and equipment [here](#).

ADULT SERVICES

Wisconsin Historical Society has [traveling banner displays and exhibits](#) available for \$75-100 for easy-to-implement passive programs. Current offerings include:

- We will Always Be Here: Wisconsin's LGBTQ+ History Makers
- Crossing the Line: The Milwaukee Fair Housing Marches of 1967-1968
- Great Lakes Small Streams: How Water Shapes Wisconsin
- Risking Everything: A Freedom Summer Exhibit for Students
- "We Stand on Their Shoulders": A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting
- Wisconsin's John Muir: An Exhibit Celebrating the Centennial of the National Park Service

[Solar science kits](#) are now available from DPI. Two kits are geared for a multigenerational audience and two kits for a younger audience. Kits can be reserved [online](#).

The kits feature:

- Books (Moonbear's Shadow by Frank Asch and When the Sun Goes Dark by Andrew Fraknoi and Dennis Schatz)
- Interactive activities
- Solar viewing instruments (solar telescope, a SunSpotter, and sunoculars).
- Printed program planning handouts

YOUTH SERVICES

[October Starred Reviews](#). (also attached as a PDF)

Solar Science kits. (*See note under Adult Services*)

[Supercharged Storytimes](#) has a wealth of resources about children’s early literacy. The course includes more than 30 videos on topics like phonological awareness, vocabulary, involving parents and caregivers in storytimes, and building equitable relationships.

Wisconsin Water Library has three [water-themed STEM kits](#) available for librarians to borrow and use for programs. Each kit includes a topical “science chat,” read-aloud books, a science experiment or activity, songs, and craft ideas. Water library staff can also present [programs](#) at your library.

Kits available are:

- Jump Around with Frogs
- Does it Sink or Float?
- Once a Pond a Time

[PBS LearningMedia](#) is a free digital learning website created to support the distribution of compelling PreK-12 educational media resources. PBS LearningMedia’s robust and contextualized digital resources are designed to supplement educational experiences with video segments from award-winning PBS documentaries and series, PBS KIDS properties, station-produced programs, and original video and interactive resources.

INCLUSIVE SERVICES

[Inclusive collections for Supercharge Storytimes](#) is a resource of diverse booklists that can help inform your storytime choices and ensure that the children who come to your storytimes experience a sense of belonging and broaden their worldview.

If your library has not completed [DPI’s Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide](#), here’s a few activities to work to incorporate at your library (or pat yourself on the back if they already exist!). Please reach out if you’d like more information on the assessment or to work through the assessment together.

- Library bylaws are written in gender neutral language.
- All library staff are well trained in the procedures required for the position.
- The library has a written programming policy.
- The programming policy includes a diversity or inclusivity statement.

UPCOMING!

[Registration is now open](#) for CSLP’s Summer Symposium on Thursday, December 7 from 10a-3:30pm. Sessions include Simplifying Summer: Adventurous Observations from a Seasoned Storyteller (Jenifer Strauss); 2024 Manual Highlights (Alyssa Graybeal and manual committee

chairs); *Once Upon an Adventure: Practical Tips for Gathering Stories to Promote Your Library* (Angela Hursh); and *Taking Adventure Outdoors: Programming and Partnerships* (Amanda Raiche).

If you'd like assistance with creating summer reading logs or other promotional pieces, please let me know.

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