



1) This Week

- **The WVLS office** is closed on Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving), and Friday, November 24.
- **Delivery service** is not operating on Thursday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving. Service will resume on Friday, November 24.

2) Training on Annual Report in December

Join WVLS staff for “Mapping Your Way Through the Annual Report,” a two-part session on preparing to navigate the 2023 annual report.

Thursday, December 14; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – WVLS office and online

Session 1: Section-by-Section Review of the Annual Report

Session 2: Team workshop your annual report

[More information and links to register / attend.](#) Register by Monday, December 11.

3) 2024 WVLS Marketing Support Grant

In 2024, WVLS will pilot a Marketing Support Grant project and opportunity for member libraries to evaluate their marketing goals. One of the challenges for public libraries is finding effective ways to promote what they do, and focusing on a specific marketing campaign or creating a marketing plan are great places to start. Libraries chosen to participate in the project will receive \$250-500 in funds to support their marketing plan or campaign.

[See the WVLS Scholarships and Grants page](#) for more information and an application. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, December 12.

4) Science Kit Grant Applications

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is now accepting grant applications for its [Science Kits for Public Libraries](#) program. The grant provides funding to establish a hands-on circulating science kit collection. While the grant may fund any or all STEM subject areas, breadth is encouraged but some electrical, electronics, and/or computer kits should be included. The grant request is up to \$2000. [Applications](#) are accepted until 11:59 p.m. on January 15, 2024.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Introduction to Project Budgets](#) - 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20
- [Adult Faves for Winter and Beyond](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21
- [Best New Children's Books of 2023](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22

- [How to Have a Successful Winter Reading](#) - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29

6) 'Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race' Webinar

Understanding and Challenging Implicit Bias in Decision Making

Thursday, December 7 at 1 p.m.

Scholars and researchers continue to demonstrate that we all carry implicit bias involving social identities like race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, class, and religion, among others. This unconscious bias can work against an organization's stated diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) goals, affecting everything from hiring and promotion decisions to how staff work with patrons, the larger community, and each other. This workshop addresses what libraries have learned and how they can use this knowledge to challenge implicit bias in decisions. [Register Here](#)

7) YSS Webinar in January

[Registration](#) is now open for the **WLA YSS's webinar** "Connecting 1, 2, 3, to A, B, C: Exploring early math and its implications for emergent literacy in young child programming." The webinar is free for WLA members. The webinar will be January 11, 2024 from 3 - 4 p.m.

8) National Study on Library Card Access

Please take note of an important survey on cardholder signup policies at public libraries across the United States, commissioned by Brooklyn Public Library (BPL). BPL will publish findings in a report to the library community in early 2024.

The short survey collects data about your library's cardholder signup process for adults and youth, as well as how these policies and procedures are revised. Ensure YOUR library is represented! The survey closes at 11:59 p.m. on December 6. [Take the 25-minute survey.](#)

9) Power Up 2024 Conference

[Registration](#) is now open for the national youth library leadership conference for staff and management.. The conference will be held March 21-22, 2024 at the Pyle Center at UW-Madison. This conference is sponsored by UW iSchool and has a wide variety of sessions, networking opportunities and post conference events.

10) LinkedIn Learning Demo and Trial Kick-Off

WVLS staff are looking at LinkedIn Learning as a possible replacement for Gale Courses.

Library staff are welcome to attend the demo on Wednesday, November 29 at 2 p.m. A trial will follow.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 283 555 371 310

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