



JANUARY 2024

WVLS MAKERSPACE

This month's highlighted item: **SHOTBOX**.

The SHOTBOX is a collapsible tabletop photo light studio that uses high-powered LEDs to create a perfectly lit "micro-studio" environment to get great images with any camera or smart device.

Book makerspace kits and equipment [here](#).

ADULT SERVICES

Summer library program 2024 templates, graphics, and other resource materials are now on the [Adult Services](#) webpage.

[Great Lakes, Great Read](#), a community read program for 2024, has been announced by the Wisconsin Water Library and Wisconsin Library Association. The program will officially kick-off on February 1. Two book titles will be announced on Earth Day, April 22 (one title for children, one for adults). Join the [email list](#) for updates as the program develops.

[Digitalearn.org](#) offers a variety of course materials for teaching digital literacy classes at your library. The modules are available in English and Spanish. There are modules for computer basics, tablet basics, Microsoft, Google tools, social media, career tools, and more.

The [2024 Carnegie Medal Shortlist](#) has been released- winners will be announced January 20. This award recognizes the best fiction and non-fiction for adult readers.

YOUTH SERVICES

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

Summer library program 2024 templates, graphics, and other resource materials are now on the [Children's Services](#) and [Teen Services](#) webpages.

If you missed the **CSLP Summer Symposium**, the [recordings](#) are now available.

Many **annual shortlists** are coming out- these can be useful in collection development: [Morris Award finalists](#), [YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction finalists](#), [Golden Archer nominees](#)

IFLS CLEL Bell Shortlist Virtual Book Discussion will be held January 17 from 2-3:30 p.m. The [CLEL \(Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy\) Bell Picture Book Awards](#) are an annual recognition of five high-quality picture books that provide excellent support of early literacy development in young children. The 10th Annual CLEL Bell Award Shortlist was recently announced. The shortlist of 25 titles, five for each early literacy practice (READ, WRITE, TALK, PLAY, SING) was chosen from 91 nominations from committee members. You can choose to read all 25 titles or pick a category and read only five. [Register](#) by January 12.

Here's what will occur at the discussion:

- Think about how to support emerging readers and families with excellent new titles
- Practice your book evaluation skills in a safe and not-too-overwhelming context
- Have a good time talking about books with colleagues from around the state
- Get prepared to vote for your own favorites by January 30

INCLUSIVE SERVICES

Did you know you can [translate Canva designs](#) into 100+ different languages? The number of translations available depends on your type of account. Share a design with me if you'd like assistance in translating.

[American Indians in Children's Literature](#) has released their annual [Year in Review](#) list for 2023. It includes nearly 50 titles by Native writers and illustrators for children and teens.

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

- The library director and department heads (if any) actively engage with a variety of community groups.
- The collection includes titles for self-improvement in skills.
- There are free classes for people who want to learn and improve their English or literacy skills.
- Programs and resources are readily available for teen parents.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Use the [Workforce Resources Inventory for Libraries](#) checklist to assess the services and resources available at your library. Services and resources can be shared on your website, in other promotional materials, or used as a training tool for staff.

UPCOMING!

1/22 @ 7 a.m.: ALA Youth Media Award (YMA) announcements. Results available via [Livestream](#) or on the [ALA's Facebook page](#).

1/31 @ 9 a.m.: CCBC Shorts ALA Award Winners. Join CCBC librarians online for a session highlighting the 2024 Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, Coretta Scott King and other YMA award winners! [Registration is open](#).

2/8 @ 10 a.m. OR 2/9 @ 1 p.m.: DPI Teen Inclusive Internship Informational Meeting. [Register here](#) for February 8. [Register here](#) for February 9. More info [here](#).