



## 1) Library Legislative Day Scholarships Available

[Registration is now open](#) for WLA Library Legislative Day in Madison on Tuesday, February 6, 2024! Because 2024 is a relationship-building year, WVLS would like to have at least two representatives from each county participating. Newcomers are welcome.

WVLS is offering \$400 scholarships for library staff and trustees to attend. The scholarship will cover registration (\$45), one night of lodging, mileage to and from WVLS, a dinner reimbursement on February 5 and lunch reimbursement on February 6. [The deadline to apply for the scholarship](#) is Thursday, January 11.

- WLA has reserved a courtesy block of rooms at the Best Western Premier Park Hotel in downtown Madison.
- WVLS has secured a bus to take library supporters to the event. The bus will leave the Marathon County Public Library (Wausau) parking lot at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 5 and depart Madison the following day by 4 p.m.
- WVLS will arrange for its own briefing session via Zoom the week before Library Legislative Day. Information for the LLD brief will be shared at a later date.
- The briefing program on LLD counts toward 1.5 hours in public library certification.

Questions about the WVLS scholarship opportunity, upcoming LLD brief, or WLA's LLD event, contact Kris Adams Wendt at [kawendt@wvls.org](mailto:kawendt@wvls.org) or Jamie Matczak at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org).

## 2) YSIE Meet-Up This Month

The first youth services information exchange meet-up of 2024 will be held virtually from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 18. Ideas and resources on STEAM programs, kits, and activities, as well as passive program ideas, will be shared. Attendees are asked to bring examples and ideas.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 825 5975 2665

Passcode: 6DknnVKC

## 3) Aspen Webinar Next Week

"Aspen Academy - Customizing Aspen to Your Brand" webinar

1 p.m., January 8, 2024

WVLS members who register for the webinar should contact Katie Zimmermann to ensure their Aspen staff account has the necessary permissions.

[Register here.](#)

#### **4) January Web Trainings**

Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Media Management, Website Accessibility Learning Group, Website 201, and Print Page Plugin. The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded.

[Read more information and register.](#)

#### **5) NICE Team Report: December 2023 Project Update**

The NICE Team met on Tuesday, December 19 to hear updates from the Funding Formula and Budget workgroup and the Delivery workgroup. Both workgroups are still continuing their work.

Questions are Welcome! V-Cat and NWLN (Northern Waters Library Network) member library staff are welcome to share their questions and concerns via an [online form](#). Answers will be shared on the NICE Libraries [FAQ page](#).

More details will be shared on the [NICE Libraries website](#) when the reports are complete. Full meeting minutes are posted [here](#).

#### **6) WAPL 2024 Call for Session Proposals Now Open**

Plans are underway for the 2024 WAPL conference taking place May 1- 3 at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center in Stevens Point. Hosted by the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL), a division of the Wisconsin Library Association, this annual conference brings together the public library community to share big ideas and learn from each other through interactive breakout sessions and special events. [Watch the conference webpage](#) for updates!

Session proposals are now being accepted. This year's conference theme is "Power to the Public," which means:

- Empowering library staff through conference sessions that kickstart creativity and fuel innovation.
- Empowering the public to learn, play, and connect at the library through the spaces, programs, and services we offer.
- Empowering stakeholders to support and advocate for their local public library.

Session proposals will be accepted until Friday, January 26.

#### **7) Upcoming Webinars**

- [The Art and Science of Major Gift Fundraising](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3
- [Libraries Foster Social Connection](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4
- [Canva 2.0 for Libraries: Page Layout Design](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10

## **8) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

Human Trafficking: A Conversation with Karen Romero

Thursday, January 11; 1 p.m.

Karen Romero is the Senior Director of Training for [Freedom Network USA](#), the largest coalition working on human trafficking in the United States. She is a native Spanish speaker who worked with survivors of sexual assault as a bilingual therapist at Utah's Rape Recovery Center, where she was trained in EMDR. Karen received her Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Utah.

Contact Jamie at WVLS ([jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org)) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.

## **9) Reminders**

WVLS is awarding scholarships to public and K-12 school library staff to attend the 2024 Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) Conference at the Wisconsin Dells' Kalahari Resort and Convention Center on March 3-5, 2024. More details about the conference [can be found here](#).

The WVLS WEMTA Conference Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 5, 2024. [Download an application](#) from the WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage.