



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 or Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org.

2) Registration Now Open: Teen Inclusive Internship Informational Webinar

Registration is now open for the 2024 Teen Inclusive Internship Program webinars in February. This webinar will introduce participants to the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funded Wisconsin Teen Inclusive Internship Program.

The program is a continuation of the 2023 Teen Internship pilot program. In the summer of 2023, five Wisconsin public libraries offered paid summer internships using LSTA grant funding to recruit and hire teens that reflected the diversity of their communities. Up to \$3,000 in funding is available for each of the five libraries chosen to participate. [Read more and register for a webinar.](#)

3) What's New

- **January Newsletter:** The [WVLS January 2024 Newsletter](#) is now available. WVLS libraries interested in submitting a feature for the February newsletter should contact Jamie by Friday, January 26.

- **Inclusive Services Update:** The January [Inclusive Services Update](#) is available on the WVLS website.

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) YSIE Get-Together This Month

The first youth services information exchange get-together 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

6) Grant for Life Enhancing Programs for People Living with Dementia Now Open

The Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia presents a citation and a grant of \$2,500 each to two libraries to support the creation of new services and/or new programming to directly serve those living with dementia. Examples of grant submissions include projects focused on welcoming this population into the library, staff dementia awareness training, developing partnerships with local organizations that also serve those living with dementia, or literacy activities that promote the use of books and reading.

Applications are due Friday, February 23. Full grant details are [here](#).

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Canva 2.0 for Libraries: Page Layout Design](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10
- [5 Essentials for Inspiring Young Learners with the Science of Reading](#) - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10
- [Cultivating Generative Conversations with Nonprofit Boards](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11
- [Book Talk: Black Voices for Black History Month](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16
- [Social Media 101 for Nonprofits](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16

8) Reminders

- **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) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.

- **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 will be accepted until Friday, January 26