



### **1) WPLC Youth Services Staff Survey**

The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) seeks feedback from youth services staff throughout Wisconsin on the reading habits and interests of school-age and tweens/teens. Librarians who work with these age groups are asked to complete a survey to help guide collection development for Wisconsin's Digital Library. The survey should take under 10 minutes.

[Responses by Thursday, February 29](#) are greatly appreciated.

### **2) Applications Now Open for DPI's Teen Inclusive Internship**

Five Wisconsin public libraries will be chosen to participate in an LSTA grant-funded program to offer paid summer 2024 internships to recruit and hire teens that reflect the diversity of their communities. The interns will bring their skills, interests, and experiences to the library by working on a [Connected Learning Project](#). Participating libraries will learn how to further engage and support teens while creating career pathways to increase diversity in the field of librarianship.

The deadline to [apply](#) is Friday, February 23. Full details are [here](#).

### **3) WISCAT ILL Listserv Reminder**

New staff or library colleagues who take care of or assist with interlibrary loan are encouraged to subscribe to the WISCAT ILL listserv. To subscribe to the listserv, an individual needs to send a blank email to [join-illwiscatlist@lists.dpi.wi.gov](mailto:join-illwiscatlist@lists.dpi.wi.gov). The subject and the body of the message should be blank. Questions about listserv content can be directed to Rachel Metzler at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org).

### **4) Trauma Sensitive Schools Spring Webinar**

Join DPI and the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center for a free [Trauma Sensitive Schools webinar](#) on April 9 from 9-11 a.m. The webinar will feature Alex Shevrin Venet, author of Equity-Centered Trauma-Informed Education. The session will explore how trauma and inequity are present in our schools and how teachers can respond despite limited time and resources.

A framework for equity-centered trauma-informed education will be introduced along with its guiding principles to help educators assist students who have been impacted by trauma. It will cover proactive priorities for transforming the school environment and ways to tap into larger efforts for change. Although focused on schools, public library staff may find applicable tips and resources.

[Register for the webinar here](#).

### **5) New RIPL Webinar Series on Conducting Evaluations**

Libraries interested in gaining knowledge and skills for data-informed decision-making, program improvement, planning, and advocacy can join the free webinar series, 12 Months to Better Library Data,

beginning in March. The series features curriculum from the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) 2023 [national event](#), as well as a few new topics. This webinar series will be based on the steps involved in conducting an evaluation:

[Learn more about the webinars and register.](#)

## 6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Bridging Generational Communication Gaps in the Nonprofit Workplace](#) – 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20
- [Crisis Communication: The Librarian's Guide to Clear Communication Under Pressure](#) – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20
- [How Games Can Help Learning](#) – 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21
- ["We Can Work It Out": Managing Conflict in Work Teams](#) – 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21
- [Effective Communication Strategies to Understand and Engage Your Target Market](#) – 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 22

## 7) Reminders

- **2024 WVLS Summer Math Adventure Grant**

The 2024 WVLS Summer Math Adventure Grant is a pilot project and opportunity for WVLS libraries to offer or enhance math-based activities throughout the summer. Libraries participating in the pilot will receive \$500 to offer the Wisconsin Mathematics Council's Summer Math Adventure program. The grant may be used to defray a participating library's program costs associated with implementing the program.

See the [WVLS Scholarship and Grants page](#) for more information and an application. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 8. Questions can be directed to Kristie Hauer at [khauer@wvls.org](mailto:khauer@wvls.org).

- **Lake Superior Libraries Symposium Call for Proposals Open**

The organizers of the [Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#) (LSLS) invite breakout session proposals for the 12th annual conference held on June 7 at University of Minnesota - Duluth.

This year's theme, "Persevere: Carrying on Our Mission," invites attendees to share and strategize on some of the difficulties facing our profession amidst increased financial and societal pressures, new technologies, and a polarized political environment that targets libraries. All presenters will receive a discounted registration rate of \$25.

[Proposals should be submitted here.](#) The CFP submission deadline is Friday, March 22. Presenters will be notified of acceptance in mid April.