



1) 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.

The application will open on Thursday, February 8. 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.

2) Library Closure Survey for Early 2024

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from January - July 2024. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Waltco of modification to a library's delivery schedule.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Friday, February 9.

3) What's New

- In the latest Digital Byte, Kristie talks about digital [Sticky Notes](#). What are they, and how can they be used?
- The [WVLS February 2024 Newsletter](#) is now available.

4) February Web Trainings

Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Using Alt+Text for Images, Website Accessibility Learning Group, Website 201, and Writing Blog Posts.

The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded.

[Read more information and register.](#)

5) BadgerLink Winter 2024 Training Schedule

Join DPI staff this winter for [webinars](#) on updates to the BadgerLink K-12 resource guides and TeachingBooks for Libraries (formally Book Connections)!

Next Training: Updated Grade Level Resource Guides
Tuesday, February 6, 12-12:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

6) Statewide Beanstack Contract Update

Last week, the DPI Library Services Team confirmed Zoobean, the parent company for Beanstack, is continuing access to Beanstack for all Wisconsin public libraries and school districts at no cost through April 2025. DPI staff continue to be available for any clarification or support.

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Building Belonging, The Key to Creating Connection with Your DEI Efforts](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7
- [Building Inclusive Online Tutorials](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7
- [Elevating Customer Satisfaction: Building Exceptional Library Experiences](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7
- [Book Talk: 2023 Review with NovelList](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13

8) AARP Livable Communities Challenge Grant

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable for people of all ages, especially those 50 and older. Grants range from \$500-\$50,000. Some grant categories include creating vibrant public places that improve open spaces or parks, enhancing digital literacy skills of residents, and improving community health and economic empowerment by supporting residents' financial well-being and improving health outcomes.

Applications are due on March 6. Full grant details are [here](#).

9) Reminders

Next Ryan Dowd Training

Autism: A Conversation with Carly Danesh-Jones

Thursday, February 8; 1 p.m.

Carly Danesh-Jones is an autistic woman and advocate, shaping policy and practice related to autistic women and girls since 2008. During the interview, Carly will share her experience of how homelessness and autism intersect after previously being homeless as a teenage mother.

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