



### **1) 2024 WLA Conference Call for Proposals**

Be part of the 2024 Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Annual Conference by submitting a proposal to present. Proposals are now being accepted for presentations, panels, and workshops. Experienced and first-time speakers from all libraries can submit a proposal. WLA members and non-members are encouraged to apply.

The 2024 WLA Annual Conference will take place November 5-8 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. This year's theme, "All In: Include and Innovate," highlights the importance of inclusivity and innovation in our profession. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for updates.

Submit your proposal using the [online form linked here](#) by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

### **2) Workforce Development Collaboration Workshop**

Libraries play a crucial role in helping their communities thrive by providing employment assistance to job seekers. This includes helping library users with job searching, application preparation, and other social and employment services. However, it can be challenging for frontline staff to navigate these services alone.

To facilitate collaboration and discuss available resources, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and partners developed through the Library Workforce Connection statewide workgroup are hosting an in-person workforce development collaboration workshop on Friday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Brown County Central Library in Green Bay.

Attendees will learn tips, strategies, and best practices for forming local partnerships in their communities and will have the opportunity to network with other library and workforce development staff. The workshop is free and includes lunch. [Register here.](#)

### **3) New Helpdesk Ticket For Websites**

There is a new helpdesk email address specifically for website assistance.

WVLS member libraries can send website questions to: [websitehelp@librarieswin.org](mailto:websitehelp@librarieswin.org). Website questions will be handled by both Brendan, Erica and other LEANWI staff from one central mailbox. [See the WVLS Communications page](#) for more information.

#### 4) Upcoming Webinars

- [Why Refurbished Hardware Is the Best Choice for Sustainability and Savings](#) – 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23
- [We Need More Than Just Yoga and Meditation: Really Supporting the Mental Health Needs of Librarians and Library Workers](#) – 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24
- [From Wallflowers to Power Players: Mastering the Art of Networking](#) – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25
- [Tools for Supporting Indigenous Rights and Interests in Collections](#) – 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 25
- [How Trauma and Stress Impacts the Well-Being of BIPOC Library Workers](#) – 1 p.m. on Friday, April 26

#### 5) Reminders

WVLS is awarding a scholarship to member library staff to attend the 2024 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute taking place September 19-21 in Denver, Colorado.

Up to \$2100 is available for the scholarship, to cover such travel expenses as:

- Early Bird National Institute Registration
- Roundtrip economy class air transportation
- Up to 3 nights of conference lodging (including transportation from airport)
- Wisconsin airport parking and mileage to/from airport

The completed application must be emailed to Jamie Matczak by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Applicants will receive notice on their status on Tuesday, April 30. [See the WVLS website](#) to download an application.