



1) WVLS to Begin Delivery Sort

As of Tuesday, April 30, WVLS will assume the responsibilities of sorting all delivery materials. Waltco will continue delivery materials to member libraries. Delivery times to libraries will not be affected with this change. Please continue to send feedback to courier@wvls.org.

2) 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.

3) Workshop for Youth Services Librarians

Later this year, DPI will be offering "Foundations of Wisconsin Librarianship: Essential Skills for Library Media Specialists and Public Library Staff Serving Youth."

The workshop is specifically structured to be most beneficial to public library staff who are new (three years or less) to serving youth in Wisconsin libraries. There is no cost to attend, and most meals will be provided. Attendees, or their library, will be responsible for mileage, two nights of lodging (if not within driving distance), and one evening meal. Participants who successfully complete the full workshop will receive a \$100 stipend. The workshop begins at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 6 and ends at 2 p.m. on Thursday August 8. Space is limited to 30 public library attendees.

The three-day in-person workshop will be held in Marshfield. The workshop will introduce essential skills, resources, and strategies for working in school and public libraries. Tentative Breakout Sessions include Collection Development Basics, Programming 101, Early Literacy Overview, Library Services for All Ages, BadgerLink for Public Libraries, and Games and Play Learning.

WVLS librarians who have less than three years' experience, work with youth, and are interested in attending this workshop should contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.

4) ‘Great Lakes, Great Read’ Program

The Wisconsin Water Library and Wisconsin Library Association have announced a community read program featuring two books – “The Water Walker” by Joanne Robertson for children and “The Best Part of Us” by Sally Cole-Misch for adults.

The authors will be part of a free webinar series on September 25, October 2, and October 9, starting at 6 p.m. and open to the public. In November, the authors will visit Wisconsin for various events. Join the [Great Lakes, Great Read email list](#) for updates and see the [website](#) for full details.

5) 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.](#)

6) Registration Open for “Play, Make, Learn” Conference

The Play Make Learn Conference is a place for collaboration and discovery in the design, research and practice of playful learning, games for learning and positive social impact, making and makerspaces, STEAM education, and arts in education. This year’s conference will be held July 18-19 in Madison. Early bird registration is available until May 31. [See the conference website for details.](#)

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Leadership strategies for building connection and defusing difficult situations](#) – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30
- [Storytelling for Impact](#) – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30
- [Don’t I Have the Right Not to Be Offended? Responding to Censorship in Fractious Times](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1
- [Support Young Children’s Language Learning and Pre-Literacy Skills with Music](#)- 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 2

8) Reminders

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

WVLS member libraries can send website questions to: 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.