



### 1) 'National Library Week' Well Wishes

April 7-13 is National Library Week, with the theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" This resonates with the fast-paced world we live in, reminding us that libraries are the go-to destination for something extraordinary. They provide a space to connect, learn, and focus on what truly matters.

WVLS staff acknowledge the amazing work of its [member libraries in this video](#).  
Happy National Library Week!

### 2) ALSC National Institute Scholarship Available

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.

### 3) This Week

- **NICE Project Town Hall Meeting** is scheduled from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9. Members of the NICE Project Team will give an overview of the process to date, share information about NICE recommendations, discuss the next steps, and leave time for questions and feedback. The meeting will be recorded, and attendees can share questions and feedback through the [NICE Project Feedback Form](#). Here is the [link to attend](#).
- **WVLS Listening Session: [Registration for this event](#)**, scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 at the Colby Community Library is due on Tuesday, April 9.
- **V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training – Attaching Items** is scheduled from 10 a.m. from 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. This training will introduce and review the process of attaching item records to existing bibliographic records in the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog materials or add items in Sierra.  
[Link to register](#) | [Link to attend](#)

#### 4) What's New

- **WVLS April Newsletter:** Features include: WVLS Listening Sessions Return, Spring Webinar Series Focuses on Neurodiversity, Minocqua Features Fiber Arts Skills Workshops, WVLS Represented at WEMTA Conference, 2024 WLA Conference Call for Proposals. [Read more.](#)
- **Inclusive Services Update:** Resources, Continuing Education, Consumables, Diverse Holidays. [Read more.](#)

#### 5) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Migrants: A Conversation with Sheri Laigle About the Current Crisis  
Thursday, April 11; 1 p.m.

Sheri Laigle is the Director of Social Services at HIAS, a Jewish humanitarian organization committed to helping refugees and asylum seekers in the Washington, DC and New York metropolitan areas. Bilingual in French and English, Sheri has worked extensively with the African immigrant population throughout her career. She was the co-founder and organizer of the African Women's Empowerment Workshop, an annual conference for African immigrant women, from 2008 to 2019.

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

#### 6) CCBC In-Person Workshop Opportunities

The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) has several upcoming events to highlight books in CCBC Choices and for hands-on book browsing.

- April 11 and 12: Brown County Library, Green Bay; [More details and registration link](#)
- May 13 and 14: Superior Public Library; [More details and registration link](#)
- May 15 and 16: L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Eau Claire  
May 15 [registration link](#)  
May 16 [registration link](#)

Contact Kristie Hauer at [khauer@wvls.org](mailto:khauer@wvls.org) for any questions.

#### 7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Social Media Strategies to Boost Your Library's Reach & Impact](#) – 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 11
- [Overview of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grants, Research, and Policy Work](#) – 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 11
- [Introduction to Finding Grants](#) – 11 a.m. on Monday April 15
- [How to Increase Participation in Public Surveys](#) - 4 p.m. on Monday, April 15

## 8) Connecting Wisconsin Libraries: Next Meeting

Connecting Wisconsin Libraries is a networking group of school and public libraries that meets quarterly to facilitate collaboration with WLA stakeholders and WEMTA stakeholders, and to foster collaboration between school and public libraries on a statewide level.

Mary Ellen Graf from TeachingBooks will be presenting: Powerful Partnerships: Schools, Public Libraries, & TeachingBooks. Learn how to create and share reading lists, integrate TeachingBooks resources into school and library visits, and cross-promote library programs and school literacy initiatives.

[Click here](#) to join the next meeting on Thursday April 25 at 3 p.m.

## 9) Reminders

- **April Web Trainings**

Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Website Menus and Promoting Summer Reading. The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register.](#)