



1) What's New

- **WVLS May Newsletter:** Features include: WVLS Members Attend PLA Conference, Last-Minute Planning for Summer Library Programs, 10 Things to Know About Sonja Ackerman, Stetsonville Features Furry Friends, BCL Installs Courtesy Phones, CCBC Update. [View it here.](#)
- **May Web Trainings:** Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Creating Images and Text, Website 201, and Essentials of Website Accessibility. The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register.](#)
- **May Inclusive Services Update:** Resources, Continuing Education, Diverse Holidays, and more. [View it here.](#)

2) Webinar Reminder

For Managers & Supervisors: Cultivating an Inclusive Workplace for Neurodivergent Staff

1 p.m.; Tuesday, May 7

Presented by: Renee Grassi, Director, Lake Bluff Public Library

In this webinar, gain an understanding of the term neurodiversity and learn about the strengths of those who are neurodiverse. Learn from real-life workplace scenarios and gain practical strategies and tools for supporting inclusion of the neurodivergent volunteers and employees in your organization.

[Register.](#)

3) 2024 WLA Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Open

The Wisconsin Library Association Foundation is now accepting applications for a variety of scholarships and grants that support library science students and fund continuing education opportunities for WLA members. Applications are due on Saturday, June 15.

Continuing Education Scholarships and Grants (Must be a WLA Member)

[WLAF George Bauer Memorial Fund Continuing Education Scholarship](#)

[WLAF Gloria Hoegh Memorial Fund Education for Rural Librarians Scholarship](#)

WLA Foundation Library Education Scholarships

[Library Education Scholarship](#)

[Sally Davis Scholarship](#)

[Diversity Scholarship](#)

[Vida Cummins Stanton Scholarship](#)

4) Registration Open for 12th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

LSLS24: Persevere: Carrying on Our Mission will be held on Friday, June 7 at Kathryn A. Martin Library on University of Minnesota Duluth campus in Duluth, Minnesota. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students from the Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate. The cost to attend is \$70.

Register by May 24 to ensure that any dietary requests can be accommodated. [See the website](#) for more information and to register.

5) Unlocking Efficiency: The 2024 Programming and Activity Count Tracker

A critical component of the annual report is program and self-directed activity reporting. To make this process more efficient and hassle-free, WVLS encourages libraries to use the DPI tracker throughout the year. It is a powerful tool that simplifies the process of collecting program statistics, making it easier for you to fill out the library's annual report.

Download the tracker spreadsheet and dive into the training materials available on the [Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report web page](#). Contact Erica Brewster (ebrewster@wvls.org) or Kristie Hauer (khauer@wvls.org) with questions.

6) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Understanding Addiction: A Conversation with Dr. Nicholas Christian

Thursday, May 9; 1 p.m.

Dr. Nicholas Christian is an internal medicine and addiction medicine clinician and researcher for the Office of Clinical Director for the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Intramural Research Program. Dr. Christian completed his addiction medicine fellowship at the Yale Program in Addiction Medicine as well as postdoctoral research training through the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development program. His current clinical and research interests include improving care for people who use substances that are on the continuum of experiencing homelessness to being stably housed.

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

7) Flexible Facilities Program

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration has been awarded \$107 million for the Flexible Facilities Program to provide grants to units of general local government (UGLGs) and tribal governments for the purpose of carrying out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic public health emergency.

Funding is available for the construction of new or renovation or expansion of existing libraries, community centers, and multi-purpose community facilities that will offer reliable, affordable high speed internet and other digital connectivity technology that will directly enable work, education, and healthcare monitoring, including remote options. The program encourages focusing on economically distressed areas, supporting community empowerment, and adopting strong labor practices.

There is a requirement for applicants to certify that the proposed site has or will have Broadband

download speeds of 100 Mbps to qualify. DPI is working with library systems that maintain TEACH connections to work through this requirement. Application Training will be held May 9 and applications are due no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. More information and links to application materials are available on the [Flexible Facilities Grant website](#).

8) Upcoming Webinars

- [Designing Nature-Rich Spaces That Support Community Connection and Change](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8
- [Exploring Social Justice Through Young Adult Books](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8
- [How to Defeat Fundraising's Silent Enemy: Donor Attrition](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8
- [How to Get Buy-In For Your CX Efforts](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, May 13