



### **1) Get Ready for Udemy**

Last week, WVLS ILS and Database Support Specialist Rachel Metzler sent an email announcing that [Gale Presents: Udemy](#) will soon be available to all WVLS member library patrons.

With Gale Presents: Udemy, patrons can connect to thousands of video-based courses in business, technology, leadership, and personal development—and more than 15,000 courses are taught by instructors in their native language. This top collection, curated from 210,000+ courses from Udemy.com and powered by Udemy Business, gives users access to relevant skills training, helping them achieve success at work and in life.

Save the date for an online training opportunity at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. WVLS staff are working on getting the site up and running before the launch, and will be assisting libraries on promotional materials. Stay tuned!

### **2) Library Closure Survey for Later 2024**

WVLS requests that all libraries respond to a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from August 2024 - January 2025. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Waltco of modification to a library's courier schedule.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Friday, June 28.

### **3) Recorded Webinar on Copyright Basics**

What is fair use? How about Creative Commons? Can you use that image you found online? Can you make copies of that disc? How about making copies of that online article for a meeting? What if you cite the source for the material?

Learn what rights copyright holders typically have in the United States, and what exceptions may come into play in our everyday work in libraries. Presenter Laura Solomon is the Library Services Manager for the Ohio Public Library Information Network and a W3C-certified front-end web developer. This webinar is worth 1 contact hour toward public library certification. [Watch it here.](#)

### **4) Salary Law Change Coming Soon**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has announced new salary regulations that will take effect as of July 7, 2024, and then again on January 1, 2025.

Public Library Directors and Library Boards should review library staff compensation practices and policies and identify staff likely to be affected by the July 2024 and January 2025 changes to salary levels.

“Salary” vs “Hourly” employees, who is eligible for overtime pay, and more information is [available on this document](#).

## 5) TALK (Text and Learn for Kindergarten) Webinar

TALK is a text-based program providing early learning activities in English and Spanish to caregivers of children under 6, enhancing pre-literacy, STEM, familiarity with numbers and letters, and social skills. Additionally, libraries can leverage TALK to inform patrons about upcoming events.

WiLS, in collaboration with MCLS, is excited to introduce this pioneering early library program to Wisconsin libraries. An information webinar will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13. [Register here](#).

## 6) Registration Opening for ARSL Conference

Early Bird Registration for the ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) Conference opens on Tuesday, June 11. This year's conference will be held September 11-14 in Springfield, Massachusetts. This conference provides an opportunity to explore the transformative power of rural and small libraries in communities. More information is on the [ARSL Conference website](#).

## 7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Navigating the Terrain of Change](#) - 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10
- [Moving Beyond Avoidance: Conflict Resolution for Beginners](#) - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12
- [Beyond the Binary: Understanding LGBTQIA+ Health](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12

## 8) Ryan Dowd Events

- **Unattended Children: How to Talk to Parents About Their Children's Behavior**
  - June 10-13; 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
  - Registration Link: <https://www.homelesstraining.com/free-training/> (*If clicking the link doesn't work, copy and paste it into your browser.*)

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

Understanding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans:

A Conversation with Dr. Kathy Platoni

Thursday, June 20; 1 p.m.

Dr. Kathy Platoni has been a practicing clinical psychologist for more than 40 years and maintains a private practice in Centerville, Ohio. In service of her country and as an Army Reserve clinical psychologist, she has deployed on four occasions in time of war. She specializes in the treatment of PTSD, behavioral medicine and the treatment of chronic pain and chronic, debilitating, and terminal illnesses.

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.

## 9) Reminders

- **NICE Project Town Hall**

WVLS member libraries are encouraged to attend a NICE Project Town Hall Meeting from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11.

The [NICE Project](#) has been busy over the past several months with targeted workgroups crafting recommendations around different topics. An overview of the process to date, information about these emerging recommendations, and next steps will be shared. Time will be provided for questions and feedback. Join the meeting [using this link](#). Members who are not able to attend can share questions and feedback through the [NICE Project Feedback Form](#). The meeting will be recorded.

- **New Summer Passport Program is Coming**

Get ready for summer 2025, as WVLS introduces the Passport Program. This system-wide initiative will guide communities through the diverse landscapes of public libraries. Each library offers a unique set of resources to explore. WVLS will provide more details about this exciting journey in the next few months.

Input from WVLS libraries is needed! Share ideas with Kristie Hauer at [khauer@wvls.org](mailto:khauer@wvls.org) to collaborate and contribute to the program.