



### 1) WPLC Strategic Planning Survey

The [Wisconsin Public Library Consortium](#) (WPLC) was formed in 2001 as an organization in Wisconsin where library systems could partner on projects that move libraries forward through experimentation and R&D. The main and most popular service the consortium has developed is Wisconsin's Digital Library, which is available to all Wisconsin residents with a public library card.

The WPLC is developing a strategic plan to guide the coming years of the organization and seeking feedback and input from public library staff members to guide the plan's development. [This survey](#) is one avenue for gathering this information. Participation is voluntary, information shared is confidential and it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will remain open until Monday, July 29. For any questions, reach out to Kim at [kim@wils.org](mailto:kim@wils.org).

### 2) YSIE Get-Together in August

The next Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE) Get-Together will take place in person on Monday, August 12 from 1-3 p.m. at the Granton Community Library, located at 217 North Main Street. The library is located inside of the school.

After touring the library, attendees will explore early literacy text services, programming resources (including artificial intelligence (AI) tools), and reflect on this year's summer library programming. Don't miss this opportunity to engage and learn!

### 3) BIPOC Unconference Advisory Committee Call for Applicants

Apply to serve on the BIPOC Library Staff Unconference advisory committee! In preparation for a Spring 2025 unconference, the committee is seeking paid planning help in the fall of 2024. No experience necessary. Unique perspectives and diverse voices wanted!

[The deadline to apply is Tuesday, August 6.](#)

### 4) Delivery Reminders

- Every item in a bin should have a transit slip. There have been instances where one transit slip is placed in a packet of items that are rubber-banded together and WVLS has had to create transit slips for the other items in the packet.
- A "hold" slip should not be used as a transit slip. In instances when this occurs, WVLS has to create transit slips for those items.

- Placing rubber bands around items uniform in size is acceptable as this helps to prevent movement of items in a bin. However, if items in a packet are not uniform in size, and if a packet is more than 4 inches in height, WVLS has had to remove the rubber bands to efficiently repackage those items along with other items that are going to a library.
- To prevent damage, WVLS recommends that light weight and/or fragile items (like CDs and DVDs) be placed on top of heavier books rather than under them. Also, magazines or journals should be placed in interoffice mail envelopes or green bags.
- To prevent bins from becoming too heavy for library and system courier staff to manage, WVLS recommends that packaged bins not be more than 2/3 to 3/4 full.
- Questions about courier matters and requests for bins may be sent to the attention of WVLS courier staff at [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org). There is also a [Digital Byte](#) that covers packing best practices.

## 5) WLA Now Accepting Award Nominations

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) is now accepting nominations for awards. WLA believes Wisconsin library colleagues deserve recognition for all of their amazing work. Nominations for all awards are due Friday, September 6. Awards are available in a variety of categories and are conferred by three separate committees.

- Awards conferred by the WLA Awards & Honors Committee: [Library of the Year Award](#); [Trustee of the Year Award](#); [WLA/DEMCO Librarian of the Year Award](#); [Citation of Merit](#); [Programming Innovation Award](#); [Special Service Award](#); [Paralibrarian of the Year Award](#).
- Awards conferred by the Wisconsin Library Heritage Center Steering Committee: [Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame](#).
- Awards conferred by the WLA and WEMTA Intellectual Freedom Committees: [WLA/WEMTA Intellectual Freedom Award](#).

More information about these awards can be found [here](#). Contact the WLA Office with questions at [wla@wisconsinlibraries.org](mailto:wla@wisconsinlibraries.org).

## 6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Surprise! You're a Cataloger](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24
- [Building Bridges: Collecting Culturally Relevant Data](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 25