



1) Coming Up

- **V-Cat Council** will meet Thursday, August 1 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. An agenda and documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) ahead of the meeting.
- 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 shares place with the Granton School Library and is located inside 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! Attendees do not need to register for this event.

2) 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.](#)

3) Great Lakes, Great Read Webinars

Great Lakes, Great Read authors, Sally Cole-Misch and Joanne Robertson, will be featured in a free webinar series beginning in late September. All events will start at 6 p.m. central time and will be held on Zoom. They are open to the public throughout the Great Lakes Basin area.

- Wednesday, September 25: Meet our authors: A conversation with Sally Cole-Misch and Joanne Robertson. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, October 2: Finding *The Best Part of Us* through Nature and Our Precious Great Lakes: A Conversation with Sally Cole-Misch. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, October 9: The Water Walker, Nibi and You: A conversation with Joanne Robertson. [Register here.](#)

4) CSLP Annual Survey

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has launched a survey to assess the effectiveness of its program materials on a national level. The goal is to gather feedback from public library staff who were involved in running the 2024 summer library programs. Whether you used the "Adventure Begins at Your Library" theme or not, your input is valuable. The survey covers general feedback on the theme and materials, as well as participation tracking and stats for children, teens, and adults. Please coordinate with your colleagues on who will fill it out, especially if you are in a multi-branch system.

The survey does not need to be filled out by library directors. Adult/YA/Children program overseers can complete their own portions. It will remain open until Friday, September 13. [Take the survey here.](#)

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [The Do's and Don'ts of Delegation](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29
- [Event Sponsors: How to Find Them & Create a Win-Win](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30
- [Navigating AI Ethics](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31

6) Reminders

- 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, research and development. 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 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.

- 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.

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