



1) This Week

- **WVLS Hiring:** WVLS is seeking three individuals interested in part-time work to sort and package bins of library materials. Applications received by Friday, July 12 will receive first consideration. More information, including a full job description and application [are available here](#).
- **Udemy Training and Survey:** Explore the wide range of courses available through Gale Presents: Udemy, at a virtual training at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. [Register](#) now for the upcoming webinar. The webinar will be recorded. WVLS is also exploring ways to help its member libraries promote this valuable resource. Complete this [short survey](#) by Monday, July 15.
- **Web Training:** 1 p.m. on Monday, July 8
This session will formally introduce the new Online Resources page and prepare libraries for having this page added to their website.
[Join Zoom Meeting:](#) Meeting ID: 810 3562 6921 Passcode: d0fU59Wu
 - The LEANWI Website team is asking all website managers to [respond to a survey](#) regarding the new online resources page. Information was shared in an email to the Web Services email list, sent on Monday, June 24.

2) 'Trustee Training Week' Registration Open

Registration is open for this year's [Trustee Training Week](#) webinars. Here is the line up:

- August 19 - [Everything You Want to Know About Book Challenges](#) with Tasslyn Magnusson
- August 20 - [Wisconsin Library Law](#) with Kris Turner
- August 21 - [Making Each Other Look Good: The Library Board & Director](#) with Jamie LaRue
- August 22 - [Organization and Governance Best Practices for Boards](#) with Charity Tyler
- August 23 - Robert's Rules Refresher with Thomas Pugh (link coming soon)

All webinars will be recorded and archived if trustees can't attend. Please share these webinars with your board of trustees and friends.

3) 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.

4) Grant Available for StoryWalks

Let's Play America and ChangeX are offering grants of up to \$3,000 to support StoryWalk initiatives. Story Walks are engaging educational activities that promote reading, physical movement, and quality family time. Participants follow a designated path in natural settings while enjoying a story. These walks can be found at libraries, parks, schools, and neighborhoods. Applications should be submitted by August. [Read more and apply](#).

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Materials Challenges: Allen County Library's Journey to Training Staff](#) - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10
- [Nonprofit Budget Management](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10
- [Digital Safety and Privacy for Librarians](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10
- [Talking about TikTok with Patrons](#) - 11 a.m. on Friday, July 12

6) Reminders

- **NICE Project Phase 2 Complete**

The second phase of the Northern Wisconsin ILS Exploration (NICE) Team is complete. A [NICE Project Phase 2 Final Report June 2024](#) is now available along with the following:

- [NICE Project Phase 2 Key Takeaways June 2024](#)
- [NICE Project Phase 2 Why Merge? June 2024](#)
- [Updated NICE FAQs page](#)
- [NICE Benefits and Common Questions](#)
- [V-Cat NICE 2025 DRAFT Budget Estimates](#)

The next step is for NWLN and V-Cat consortiums to vote on an ILS Merger. NWLS and WVLS Boards have final authority over merger decisions, and will make the decision after careful consideration of the NWLN and V-Cat votes.

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

Homelessness is a Housing Problem:
A Conversation with Gregg Colburn
Thursday, July 11; 1 p.m.

Gregg Colburn is an Associate Professor in the Runstad Department of Real Estate in the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington. He is co-author of the book, *Homelessness is a Housing Problem: How Structural Factors Explain U.S. Patterns* (University of California Press).

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