

**AUGUST 2024**

# **PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

**WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE**

# MAKERSPACE

## CROCHET AND KNITTING NEEDLES

Grab your yarn—it's time to knit, purl, and weave some library magic! Crochet or knitting programs create a cozy, welcoming atmosphere where patrons can connect, share stories, and build friendships. Learning to knit or crochet enhances cognitive skills, improves focus, and boosts creativity. These programs can cater to all ages and skill levels, making them inclusive.

Kit includes: 2 sets of 24 crochet hooks each; 2 sets of 18 circular knitting needles each; 2 sets of double sided sock needles (6 sets of 4); 11 pairs of stainless steel straight needles; 'Knitting for Beginners' book; 'A to Z of Crochet' book; 'Knit, hook, and spin: a kid's activity guide to fiber arts and crafts' book.

[Book makerspace kits and equipment](#)

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# ADULT SERVICES

## ➤ **BALLOTREADY**

This site empowers voters across America to make informed decisions in every election. Personalized, nonpartisan information for all 50 states is provided. Use the site to explore ballots, check voter registration, and research candidates and measures.

## ➤ **INFO LITERACY TOOLS**

[Informationliteracy.gov](https://www.informationliteracy.gov) disseminates successful practices, tools, and programs related to financial, health, digital, and other information literacy subject areas. It supports libraries in their efforts to meet community needs and provide resources and trainings.

## ➤ **NLM INITIATIVE**

The National Library of Medicine's (NLM) [Public Libraries Initiative](#) aims to promote health information literacy by equipping library staff with effective skills and high-quality resources to meet the needs of their patrons.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **STARRED REVIEWS**

For July starred reviews, click [here](#).

## ➤ **DRUGS AND YOU EXHIBIT**

The DEA Museum has created a *free* exhibit "Drugs and You: Use your Head," to educate young people. It addresses specific drugs, addiction, and peer pressure, while encouraging teens to focus on their future, engage in healthy activities, and build positive friendships. To request the display, [email](#) the museum. More information is [here](#).

## ➤ **STORYWALK WEEK 2024**

This year's celebration, led by Let's Move in Libraries, will be November 12-18. Call for participation will open in October.

## ➤ **BEN'S GUIDE TO THE US GOV'T**

This resource is for K-12 students, parents, and teachers. It covers topics like the U.S. Constitution, the legislative process, and the branches of the Federal government. The website also includes interactive games and links to other U.S. Government websites for kids.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

\*[kibooka](#)- Kids' books by Korean Americans (and Korean diaspora)

\*Children's Book Council's [Inclusivity Book Lists](#)

\*ALSC's [Notable Children's Books 2024](#)

## ➤ **FEELINGS THERMOMETER**

This is a tool for helping young children, aged 0 to 5, recognize and express their emotions. It features five zones, starting from the calm green zone to the furious red zone, with suggestions to help children regulate their emotions. Available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Hmong](#).

## ➤ **PUBLIC & SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLABORATION TOOLKIT**

This valuable resource seeks to foster partnerships between public and school libraries. It emphasizes collaboration to create safe, welcoming environments for patrons and provide access to information in various formats. The toolkit offers guidance on initiating and maintaining collaborations, backed by research supporting their effectiveness. Additionally, it showcases successful examples and provides useful templates for joint initiatives. Whether you're just starting or looking to enhance existing partnerships, this toolkit offers practical insights and strategies.

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# ALL-AGES

## ➤ WI BIOBLITZ

The Wisconsin Science Festival (WSF) Library Bioblitz invites libraries to join the 2024 Bioblitz project on iNaturalist and explore local biodiversity from October 14 to 20. By observing and documenting local biodiversity, libraries can engage their communities and foster curiosity.

## ➤ 211 WISCONSIN

Connects people with thousands of government and nonprofit resources.

- Dial 2-1-1 for assistance
- Receive assistance with food, housing, utilities, employment, addiction recovery and more.
- Available 24/7/365
- Available in 180+ languages
- Resources can also be accessed online

## ➤ AI GUIDANCE

Wisconsin DPI has released initial guidance outlining policy considerations and best practices for the teaching and use of AI (artificial intelligence) in K-12 classrooms and libraries.

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# INCLUSIVE SERVICES

## ➤ PROJECT SCALE

Project SCALE focuses on inclusive library spaces and programs for young children. The project aims to create welcoming environments in public libraries where children of all abilities can engage, learn, and interact.

- [Webinar recording](#)
- [Inclusive Libraries Self-Assessment Checklist](#)
- [Printable brochure](#)

## ➤ AVAILABLE IN THE CATALOG

- [Creating Inclusive Library Environments: A Planning Guide for Serving Patrons with Disabilities \(2017\)](#)
- [Developing a Library Accessibility Plan: A Practical Guide for Librarians \(2020\)](#)
- [Library Programming for Autistic Children and Teens \(2021\)](#)
- [Multicultural Programs for Tweens and Teens \(2010\)](#)
- [Serving Patrons with Disabilities: Perspectives and Insights From People with Disabilities \(2023\)](#)

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ➤ **MOBILE CAREER LAB**

This lab delivers workforce resources and services throughout Wisconsin. It assists individuals facing challenges accessing workforce services, employers with training or hiring needs, and partners seeking additional resources. Equipped with computers and display screens, the lab serves as a classroom for training workshops and employment sessions, as well as a resource room for resume and job application assistance.

- [Request a visit to your area](#)
- [View the upcoming schedule](#)

## ➤ **READY FOR REENTRY WEBINAR**

August 13, 1-2pm: Individuals reentering the community from jail or prison may come to your library facing many unique challenges that impact their ability to make a smooth and effective transition into society. Learn about online resources and programs you can point to that can help them navigate the reentry journey in areas that impact them the most: housing, employment, education, healthcare and legal barriers. Helping them access these tools is an initial step in helping these individuals rebuild their lives. Register [here](#).



# UPCOMING

**SEPTEMBER 10**

YSIE GET-TOGETHER  
VIRTUAL WITH IFLS  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

**SEPTEMBER 23 ~ 10AM**

WVLS LISTENING SESSION  
FRANCIS L SIMEK MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN  
MEDFORD  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**SEPTEMBER 26 ~ 3-4PM**

CONNECTING WISCONSIN LIBRARIES  
VIRTUAL  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

**OCTOBER 2~ 9AM-3PM**

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOP  
TB SCOTT FREE LIBRARY IN MERRILL  
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

**OCTOBER 14-20**

WISCONSIN SCIENCE FESTIVAL  
[FIND AN EVENT](#)  
[HOST AN EVENT](#)

**NOVEMBER 5-8**

WLA CONFERENCE  
GREEN BAY  
SAVE THE DATE!

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**

**LET'S CONNECT!**



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