



1) Registration Open for Annual Youth Services Workshop

The Annual Youth Services Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the T.B. Scott Free Library in Merrill.

The workshop will feature presentations by Pam Corcoran, a performer and puppet master, and Mary Newton, founding president of The Reading League Wisconsin. Pam will lead a puppet workshop, demonstrating and sharing tips and techniques for using puppets in children's programs. Mary will present a session on science-based reading, explaining what it entails and exploring how public libraries can contribute to this initiative. Attendees will also tour the library and lunch will be provided by WVLS at no charge.

[Register by Tuesday, September 17](#). See the Digital Lite [for more information and a detailed agenda](#). If you have any questions, contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.

2) 'Trustee Training Week' Starts Today

This year's [Trustee Training Week](#) webinars begin today, starting at 12 p.m. All webinars will be recorded and archived if anyone can't attend. Please share these webinars with your board of trustees and friends.

3) Listening Session in September

The next WVLS Listening Session is scheduled to take place at the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library in Medford on Monday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an in-person event only, and it is open to WVLS member library directors or their proxies. The session will provide an opportunity for informal conversations between participants and to ask questions of WVLS staff. Lunch will be provided, and prior registration is required.

Please [register](#) by Monday, September 12. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.

4) Children's Book Project Grant Now Open

The Pilcrow Foundation supports rural public library communities through its Children's Book Project. The foundation provides a 2-to-1 match for libraries that contribute \$200-\$400. This means that if a library is awarded a grant, it qualifies to receive up to \$1,200 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books. Libraries must be in a rural area within the 50 United States, have an active children's department, and raise \$200-\$400 through a local sponsor. Libraries can apply for the grant twice a year, with deadlines on April 1 and October 1. For more information and the application, click [here](#).

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Strengthening Your Communication Skills](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21
- [Focus on the Future: The Art of Selling Your Board and Funders on Capacity Building](#) - 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26

6) Reminders

- **Tech Days Wisconsin 2024** is coming up September 17 – 18. This free, two-day series of webinars offers libraries the opportunity to hear from tech experts. Register for each individual event and learn more about presenters at TechDaysWisc.org. Each session counts toward 1.5 technology contact hours for public library certification.
- Libraries are encouraged to complete a [survey to identify V-Cat training topics](#) of interest by Friday, August 23. Survey results will assist with planning for an in-person training on Thursday, October 17 and online training on Thursday, November 21, as well as Spring 2025 training sessions.