

**NOVEMBER 2024**

# **PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

**WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE**

# MAKERSPACE

## FELLOWS BINDING MACHINE

The Quasar™+ 500 Comb Binding Machine by Fellowes is a medium-duty binding machine designed for large office use, capable of punching up to 25 sheets of paper at a time and binding up to 500 sheets with a 2-inch comb. It features vertical document loading for accurate punch alignment, an enhanced accuracy edge guide for neatly aligned holes, and a built-in comb storage tray with a document thickness guide to help select the appropriate comb width. This machine is ideal for creating professional-looking documents efficiently or making your own books!

[Book makerspace kits and equipment](#)

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# ADULT SERVICES

## ➤ **BEST BUSINESS WEBSITES**

The “Best of the Best Business Reference Websites” list, compiled annually by the Business Reference and Services Section of the ALA, highlights top websites that are highly relevant for info professionals. This year’s sites are [here](#).

## ➤ **ART RESOURCE TRANSFER (ART)**

The A.R.T. Library Program distributes books on art and culture free of charge to public institutions across the United States. Public libraries, schools, prisons, and reading centers that identify as underserved can place unrestricted orders for these books.

## ➤ **CREATIVE AGING**

This free, self-paced online course is designed to help create art-making programs for older adults. It includes nearly 80 instructional videos on program design, implementation, sustainability, and anti-ageism practices. The toolkit fosters social connections and enhances one’s sense of purpose through creative activities.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **STARRED REVIEWS**

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

## ➤ **STEAM TOOLKIT**

This toolkit from YALSA is designed to help library staff integrate STEAM into their programs for tweens and teens. It offers resources for professional development, outreach, collections, and programming. It includes sections on getting started, forming partnerships, marketing, evaluating programs, and sharing success stories.

## ➤ **HOLIDAYS, HOLIDAYS**

With a variety of holidays approaching, we as staff should be mindful when offering programs and decorations to ensure inclusivity and respect for the cultures and religions in our community. Here are some good articles and blog posts on the topic:

- [Walk The Line: Religious Holidays and Children's Programming](#)
- [Jumping Off the Holiday Ban-Wagon](#)
- [Holiday Programs with Heart](#)
- ['Tis the Season: to Think Critically About Holiday Programming](#)

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

- \*[Rise: A Feminist Book Project](#)
- \*School Library Journal's [The Yarn](#) podcast
- \*Darshana Khiani's [South Asian Kidlit](#)
- \*[Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best Books](#)

## ➤ **SESAME WORKSHOP**

Sesame Workshop is a nonprofit organization known for creating educational content for children. It offers a variety of media and educational programs that promote school readiness, social-emotional learning, and healthy habits.

## ➤ **WORK IT OUT WOMBAT @ YOUR LIBRARY**

This program by PBS Wisconsin is designed to engage young children in problem-solving and critical thinking through fun, interactive activities. The program features the characters from the "Work It Out Wombats!" series and provides libraries with resources to host events that encourage learning through play. These resources include activity guides, videos, and printable materials that help children develop important skills in a supportive and entertaining environment.

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# ALL-AGES

## ➤ **UDEMY TIP: APP**

Did you know that Gale Presents: Udemy can be accessed through an app? The app is available in the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store.

Instructions to access the app are [here](#).

## ➤ **LIBBY TIP: SAMPLE**

The Libby app allows users to sample up to 10% of any ebook or audiobook in their library's digital collection, even if the title is currently borrowed by another user. This feature is useful for deciding which titles to borrow, or to start reading a title while waiting for it to become available. To sample, tap on the book's jacket cover, then select "play sample" or "read sample."

## ➤ **VIRTUAL PRIVACY LAB**

Designed for San Jose Public Library for anyone looking to enhance their understanding of online privacy. Whether you're a casual internet user or a parent concerned about your child's online safety, the lab provides valuable resources and tips tailored to your specific needs.

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# INCLUSIVE SERVICES

## ➤ **EDI & ANTIRACISM TOOLKIT**

This toolkit from the Oregon Library Association is a comprehensive resource designed to help libraries reflect on and improve their institutional practices and policies. It provides guidance on creating inclusive environments that respect and celebrate diverse identities and experiences. The toolkit includes practical strategies for addressing systemic inequities, fostering antiracist practices, and promoting social justice within library services. It also offers tools for staff training, community engagement, and policy development to ensure libraries can effectively serve all members of their communities.

## ➤ **TALES & TRAVEL TOOLKIT**

This comprehensive resource is designed to assist librarians in creating meaningful and engaging programs for individuals with dementia. It offers a variety of tools, including detailed sample agendas, curated bibliographies, and a range of creative resources. These materials are intended to help librarians facilitate activities that promote social interaction and cognitive engagement through the use of books and interactive experiences. The toolkit emphasizes the importance of storytelling and travel memories as a way to connect with participants, providing a structured yet flexible framework to support their needs.



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ➤ WISCONNECT

WisConnect is a platform developed by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development to connect college students with internship opportunities across the state. It allows students to create professional profiles, upload resumes, and search for internships that match their skills and career goals. Employers can also use WisConnect to post internships, search for potential interns, and access resources to build or expand their internship programs. It's a valuable resource for students looking to gain practical experience and for businesses aiming to develop a skilled talent pipeline.

## ➤ WI YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

This program offers high school juniors and seniors the chance to gain hands-on experience in their chosen career fields while still in school. This one- or two-year program combines classroom instruction with paid work experience, covering 16 broad career areas such as Health Sciences, Information Technology, and Manufacturing. Students receive on-the-job training from mentors, complemented by related coursework, ensuring they gain both theoretical and practical knowledge. Upon completion, participants earn an industry-recognized certificate, enhancing their resumes and college applications.



# UPCOMING

**NOV 14~ 3 PM**

YOUTH SERVICES SECTION (YSS)  
WEBINAR  
VIRTUAL  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**DEC 3~ 9 AM-3:30 PM**

WLA PERFORMERS SHOWCASE  
VIRTUAL  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**DEC 5~ 10 AM-3:30 PM**

FREE CSLP SUMMER SYMPOSIUM  
VIRTUAL  
REGISTER [HERE](#).  
KEYNOTE: MYCHAL THREETS

**DEC 12~ 9 AM-4 PM**

ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHOP  
AT WVLS & VIRTUAL

**FEB 13-14**

POWER UP CONFERENCE  
VIRTUAL  
REGISTER [HERE](#).



**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**

**LET'S CONNECT!**



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