

GET UP TO SPEED QUICKLY!

Introduction

- View [Introduction to WVLS](#) video
- Become a member of the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) and Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL). WVLS completes membership application and pays annual membership fee.
- Review WVLS Board meeting information, including agenda, minutes of the prior meeting, and Director's Report; [WVLS Board of Trustees & Committees](#)



Communication Tools

State Listservs, Blogs, Newsletters

- Upon appointment, a WVLS trustee email address is created for each trustee new to the WVLS Board.
- Each WVLS trustee is automatically added to the WLA email list using the WVLS trustee's email address reported in the WLA membership application. This grants trustees access to WLA announcements and its newsletter.
- Subscribe to the Wisconsin Public Library listserv [WISPUBLIB](#) to receive email correspondence between public library staff board, and Friends, and to receive announcements via DPI's [WI Wisconsin Libraries for Everyone](#) blog.

Regional Listservs, Blogs, Newsletters

- Upon appointment, a WVLS trustee email address is created for each trustee new to the WVLS Board.
- Using the WVLS Trustee email address, the new WVLS trustee is added to the WVLS Board of Trustees email list so as to receive WVLS board and service announcements.
- Using the WVLS Trustee email address, the new trustee is added to *Monday Mentions* email list to receive WVLS and state news, and continuing education opportunities each week.
- Subscribe to the *WVLS Monthly Newsletter* [here](#).

Contact WVLS for Support

- WVLS Staff <https://wvls.org/contact-hours/>
- WVLS Help Desk (computer/network/V-Cat support) Email: help@librarieswin.org

Outreach to Libraries

- Reach out to public library directors in your county to request receipt of agendas and minutes of library board meetings
- Reach out to county library board chair to request receipt of meeting agendas and minutes
- List of emails for each public library director in your county
Library Director's Name; Library Director's Email Address

Continuing Education

State Calendar of Opportunities

- [Professional Learning for Library Staff | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

Invitation to Attend WLA Conferences and Events

- February 11, 2025, WLA's Library Legislative Day (LLD)
- April 30 – May 2, 2025, WAPL Spring Conference; Oshkosh
- October 28 - 31, 2025, Wisconsin Library Association Fall Conference (WLA); Green Bay

Invitation to Attend WVLS-Sponsored Continuing Education Events - Upcoming

- January 22-23, 2025 - Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference
- January 24-25, 2024 - Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference – Archives
<https://wvls.org/category/continuing-education/>
- Spring 2025 Webinar Series
- Fall 2025 Webinar Series
- August 19-23, 2024 Wisconsin Trustee Training Week
- August 2023 Wisconsin Trustee Training Week - Archives;
<https://www.wistrusteetraining.com/recordings>
- September 17-18, 2024 Tech Days Wisconsin 2024
- September 2023 Annual Tech Days for Wisconsin's Libraries - Archives;
<https://techdayswisc.org/resources>

WVLS-Sponsored Continuing Education Events – Archived

- [Archived Recordings of Webinars](#)
- [Archived Recordings of Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference Webinars](#)
- [Archived Recordings of Wisconsin Trustee Training Week Webinars](#)

Networking Opportunities

- Attend WLA/WAPL Conferences, and in-person workshops; See above for dates
- Attend WLA's Library Legislative Day held annually; February 11, 2025

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2025 – February 2026

CALENDARS

- [WVLS Calendar](#)
- [Wisconsin Public Libraries Professional Learning Calendar](#)

January 2025

- WVLS Office Closed – Wednesday, January 1, 2025
- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – January 18, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- Attend Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference; January 22-23, 2025

February 2025

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – February 15, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- Consider attending Library Legislative Day; February 11, 2025

March 2025

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – March 15, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>

April 2025

- Attend WAPL Spring Conference; April 30 – May 2, 2025; Oshkosh
- Appointment of new library board members made by the municipality/county
- WVLS Office Closed – Friday, April 18, 2025

May 2025

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – May 17, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- WVLS Office Closed – Monday, May 26, 2025

June 2025

July 2025

- WVLS Office Closed – Friday, July 4, 2025

August 2025

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – August 16, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- Attend Wisconsin Trustee Training Week August 18-22, 2025

September 2025

- WVLS Office Closed – Monday, September 1, 2025
- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – September 20, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>

October 2025

- Attend Wisconsin Library Association Conference; October 28 – 31, 2025; Madison

November 2025

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – November 15, 2025; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- WVLS Office Closed – Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, 2025

December 2025

- County appointments/reappointments to WVLS Board of Trustees
- WVLS Office Closed – Wednesday and Thursday, December 24-25, 2025

January 2026

- WVLS Office Closed – Wednesday, January 1, 2026
- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – January 17, 2026; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- Attend Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference; DTBD

February 2026

- Attend WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – February 21, 2026; <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/bot-agenda-materials/>
- Consider attending Library Legislative Day; DTBD