



1) WVLS Public Library Services Consultant

WVLS is excited to announce that Emily Rogers was hired as its Public Library Services Consultant. Emily comes to us from the Brown County Library (Green Bay), where she served as Deputy Director since 2015. Prior to that, Emily served as Assistant Director of Public Services for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Cofrin Library. Emily currently is a member of DPI's IDEA Team and WLA Foundation Board of Directors Secretary, and former member of COLAND, WLA Leadership Committee, WLA Conference Planning Committee, and SRLAAW Public Library Staff Compensation Survey Committee. Her first day at WVLS will be on Monday, February 17.

2) Conference Reminder

The 13th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference takes place this Wednesday and Thursday. Fourteen webinars will be available over the two days. [Registration is still open](#) for all sessions.

3) Library Closure Survey for First Half of 2025

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from February - July 2025. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Waltco of modification to a library's delivery schedule.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Friday, January 31.

4) IUG Sierra and Polaris 2025 Conference Scholarships Due Friday

WVLS is awarding scholarships to member library staff to attend the IUG (Innovative User Group) for Sierra and Polaris 2025 Conference in Denver, Colorado on March 13-15. Offered annually, the IUG Conference consists of three general conference days, with dozens of sessions ranging from general interest to specialized topics about Sierra. Many opportunities are given to meet and share ideas with other librarians from around the world. More conference details [can be found here](#).

Valued at \$2,500, this scholarship can be used to cover such travel expenses as: conference registration, roundtrip economy class air transportation, lodging, and more. Applicants must have two years of experience working in technical services in public libraries at the time of application. Advanced experience in Sierra is preferred.

The scholarship application deadline is 6 p.m. on Friday, January 24. [See the WVLS website](#) for more information and an application. Contact WVLS Education Consultant Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org with questions.

5) Proposals Needed for Play Make Learn Conference

The Call for Proposals for the Play Make Learn 2025 Conference is now open. The PML 2025 Conference will be taking place on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 at the Memorial Union (800 Langdon St.), right in the heart of the UW-Madison campus. PML creates an inspirational space for preK-12 educators, game designers, developers, innovators, librarians, museum professionals, makers, and researchers to tinker together, share knowledge, and celebrate one another's work. [Read more.](#)

6) New Collection Available in Libby

Wisconsin's Digital Library is pleased to announce a collection of always available romance titles in Libby. There are currently 995 titles available that can be easily accessed through [this collection link](#). Titles are subject to change with additions or substitutions without notice.

7) Registration Open for 2025 Teen Inclusive Internship Program Webinar

Registration is now open for the 2025 Teen Inclusive Internship Program webinar. This webinar will introduce attendees to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funded Wisconsin Teen Inclusive Internship Program.

Last summer, six Wisconsin public libraries participated in the program receiving funding to recruit and hire paid summer teen interns that reflected the diversity of their communities. [Read more.](#)