



1) Delivery Service Updates

Service with our new vendor, Purple Mountain, began last week. As a reminder, libraries should continue to use the same blue bins and tags. All bins placed in delivery need to have the WVLS tag on the outside. More information [can be found here](#).

Any communications and concerns about deliveries should be addressed to courier@wvls.org.

2) WAPL Conference Updates

- [Registration is open and hotel information is available](#) for the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Annual Conference at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center from April 30 - May 2. This year's conference theme *Forward*, which is not just the Wisconsin State Motto, but a call to action. [There is no shortage of inspiring programs](#) at this year's conference. Early bird registration rates are available until Friday, April 4. Registration closes on Wednesday April 16.

WAPL is a division of the Wisconsin Library Association. Contact the WLA office at wla@wisconsinlibraries.org for any questions.

- WVLS is awarding scholarships for member library staff to attend the WAPL Conference.

Valued up to \$1,000, the scholarship may be used to cover some/all of the following costs:

- Conference registration (WLA member or non-member)
- Mileage reimbursement (WVLS rate) to/from the conference
- Up to 2 nights of conference lodging (May 1 and 2)

The completed application must be sent to Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org by 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21. See the WVLS website to [download an application](#).

3) National Library Week Coming Next Month

National Library Week, held April 6-12, is a celebration of the valuable role libraries and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening their communities.

Libraries can let an author color the user's imagination at an author talk, outline their big business idea at an entrepreneur workshop, or trace their history with the library's genealogy resources. Library patrons can make their mark and get involved with their library by volunteering or spreading the word.

For more information and promotional materials for National Library Week, [visit the ALA website](#).

4) Registration Open for CCBC Presentations

Great New Books for Children and Teens

Tuesday, April 8; 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Minocqua Public Library

[CCBC](#) (Children's Cooperative Book Center) Librarians Merri Lindgren and Tessa Michaelson Schmidt will discuss this year's best books for ages birth to 18! Highlighted books will be available for hands-on book examination during lunch. This free event is open to library professionals and educators.

9:30 - 10 a.m. Registration & Light Refreshments

10 - 11:30 a.m. Great New Books for Birth - Grade 5

11:30 - 1 p.m. Book Browsing and Lunch (sponsored by WVLS)

1 - 2:30 p.m. Great New Books for Grades 6 - 12

Each session is worth 1.5 contact hours toward public library certification.

Space is limited. [Register by Monday, March 31](#). Contact WVLS Public Library Services Emily Rogers at erogers@wvls.org for any questions.

5) What's New

- **WVLS March Newsletter:** Several features are highlighted in this month's edition. [View it here](#). Libraries interested in submitting an idea for the April Newsletter should contact WVLS Education Consultant Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org by Friday, March 28.
- **March Web Trainings:** Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Website 201, Divi 101 and Creating a Divi Practice Page. The sessions can last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register](#).

6) Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

- **Next Ryan Dowd Training**
Handling Problem Interactions with Law Enforcement: A Conversation with Sheriff Ron Hain
Thursday, March 20; 1 p.m.

Ron Hain has served in law enforcement for more than 28 years. He has worked in varying capacities, including narcotics officer, canine handler, SWAT Team Leader, and the Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Team. Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.

- **Free Spring Webinar Series**

Registration is now open from The Information School's Free Spring Webinar series.

- HOW Many Pieces? Board Game Collection Management on Thursday, March 11
- Implementing Seamless Accessibility Services at Research Universities on Thursday, March 18
- Inventory is Not Scary (Really!) on Thursday, March 25

Sign up for one or all three. Full details for each webinar [can be found on this website.](#)

7) 'Gale Presents: Udemy' Promotion This Month

To create awareness of *Gale Presents:Udemy* courses among member library staff and patrons, WVLS is sponsoring a Tote Bag Giveaway for its member libraries and patrons in the month of March!

[Gale Presents: Udemy](#) is an online learning platform that connects users to video-based courses taught by leading experts in business, technology, and more. WVLS has 15 cream-colored tote bags to offer.

The giveaway will run from March 1-31. Participants who complete a 1 hour Udemy course from March 1 - 31 will be eligible to receive a tote bag. Any course can be chosen.

[See the Digital Lite](#) for more details and for promotional tools to use at your library. Contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org for questions.