



1) IMLS Executive Order Update

On Friday, March 14, President Donald Trump signed [an executive order](#) regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and six other federal agencies.

On Thursday, March 20, IMLS [issued this statement](#) after a new Acting IMLS Director was appointed by the President. An agency compliance plan has not been released. At this time, it remains unclear which agency functions will be deemed “statutorily required” or how the executive order may impact current or future LSTA funding at the national and state level.

The WI Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Library Association and SRLAAW (System and Resource Library Administrators’ Association of Wisconsin) are working cohesively on strategic action and messaging. Postcard templates, social media templates and video presentations are under development.

Meanwhile, WLA has recommended letting Wisconsin members of congress know that IMLS is an essential part of the federal, state and regional library system infrastructure supporting local library services. Stories illustrating the way in which your libraries positively impact the lives of Wisconsin citizens are powerful tools for federal as well as state level advocacy. Unique personalized communications using the congressional office portals linked below will make an impact. Your approach should be reflective of WLA's ongoing thoughtful, politically neutral legislative advocacy campaign supporting state library aid in the 2025-27 budget.

7th District U.S. House Representative [Tom Tiffany](#)

U.S. [Senator Ron Johnson](#)

U.S. [Senator Tammy Baldwin](#)

WVLS will share updates and next steps as they occur.

2) V-Cat Council Meeting on April 3

The next V-Cat Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3. There is a new method for sharing V-Cat meeting meeting documents.

- Meeting agenda and documents are available in the [2025-04-03 V-Cat Council Meeting Materials Sharepoint folder](#) accessible on the [V-Cat agendas and materials page](#) of the WVLS website.
- Contact help@librarieswin.org if you are unable to access any of the documents.
- Additional documents will be loaded to the folder before the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the WVLS office, with remote meeting connection information available on the agenda. Following the meeting, in person attendees are welcome to gather for lunch. V-Cat business or actions will not be conducted during this time.

Council members should confirm attendance online or in person by Wednesday, April 2. Proxy assignment notifications must be made to Katie Zimmermann (ils.admin@wvls.org) and Rita Ludvigsen (director@gilman.lib.wi.us) by the end of day Wednesday, April 2 to ensure proxy assignments are documented.

3) 2025 Summer Math Adventure Grant Now Available

WVLS is thrilled to announce the 2025 Summer Math Adventure Grant, offering five WVLS libraries up to \$1,000 in funding and 10 free booklets per age group to enhance math-focused learning this summer!

Based on the [Wisconsin Mathematics Council's program](#), the Summer Math Adventure engages students from Preschool through 8th grade with fun, age-appropriate challenges. Participants complete 12 math activities, earning awards along the way while developing essential math skills. Grant funds can be used for printing materials, marketing, program development, incentives, and math-related resources such as books, puzzles, and games. The full grant description is available on the [WVLS Scholarships and Grants webpage](#).

[The application deadline is 6 p.m.](#) on Thursday, April 3. Contact WVLS Public Library Services Consultant Emily Rogers at erogers@wvls.org with questions.

4) UdeMy Courses for Certification Hours

WVLS members interested in having a *Gale Presents: UdeMy* course count toward public library contact hours for certification should do the following:

- Choose a course in UdeMy. This course must have a direct correlation to your position and duties as a library leader.
- Submit a request [using this form](#).
- WVLS Education Consultant and Certification Validator Jamie Matczak will notify you if the course is acceptable for contact hours for certification.

Contact Jamie if you have any questions at jmatczak@wvls.org.

5) CCBC Workshop Registration Reminder

Registration for the [CCBC New Books for Children and Teens](#) workshop (held at the Minocqua Public Library on Tuesday, April 8) closes a week from today on Monday, March 31.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the best new books published for youth 0-18 years old. Books will be on-hand for browsing.

6) What's New

- The **latest WVLS Public Library Services Update** is now available! This update includes resources to support library work in areas such as youth and adult services, workforce development, inclusive services, and gaming in libraries. It can be found on the [Resources - Adults](#) and [Resources- Children](#) pages of the WVLS website.

- **Spring 2025 Barcodes Orders**

WVLS will soon place the Spring 2025 order for item barcodes. The next order will not be done until Fall 2025. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. The approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand. Any amount can be ordered.

If your library wants to order barcodes, [fill out this form](#) by Wednesday, March 26.

7) WAPL Conference Registration Open

[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.