



1) Delivery Service Update

Service with our new vendor, Purple Mountain, begins today. An email with updates was sent last Thursday, and that information [can be found here](#).

As a reminder, libraries can continue to use the same blue bins and tags. All bins placed in delivery need to have the WVLS tag on the outside.

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

2) WAPL Conference Scholarships Available

WVLS is awarding scholarships for member library staff to attend the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference, April 30 - May 2 at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh. WAPL is a division of the Wisconsin Library Association.

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)

[Keep an eye on the conference website](#) for registration information and hotel rates.

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) Save the Date for CCBC Presentations

On Tuesday, April 8, Children's Cooperative Book Center (CCBC) Librarians Merri Lindgren and Tessa Michaelson Schmidt will discuss this year's best books for ages birth to 18 at the Minocqua Public Library. Highlighted books will be available for hands-on book examination.

Stay tuned for more information and on registration.

4) '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.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- **Making Your Website More Accessible**
Tuesday, March 11, 3 p.m. (online)
Learn how to start making meaningful improvements to your website's content, ensuring a more inclusive experience for all visitors. Join us to discover how small changes can make a big impact on your website's accessibility.
[Register](#) (This recording of this webinar will not be available to WVLS member libraries).
- **Great New Books for Children, Birth - Grade 6**
Wednesday, March 19, 9 a.m. (online)
Join CCBC librarians as they highlight some of the books in CCBC Choices 2025, the most recent edition of the library's annual best-of-the-year list, for children from birth through grade 6.
[Register](#)
- **The Maine State Library** maintains a national calendar of continuing education opportunities. Typically, these are webinars not coordinated by consultants in Wisconsin. WVLS encourages member librarians to [check out the calendar on a weekly basis](#).

6) 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. Since becoming Sheriff, Ron has implemented a myriad of jail reform programs that have reduced recidivism (habitual relapse into crime) from 45% to 18% and the opioid overdose deaths of the formerly incarcerated by 89%.

Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.

7) Trustee Tale Now Available

[The latest edition of the Trustee Tale](#) is on the topic of "The Library Board and Closed Sessions." Published monthly, the *Trustee Tale* is a joint project of the Manitowoc Calumet Library System, Nicolet Federated Library System, Outagamie Waupaca Library System, Winnefox Library System and WVLS.