



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.

In its effort to demonstrate the impact IMLS funding has on library services, the Department of Public Instruction is asking library staff and library users to create brief video "testimonials" on the importance of libraries. Videos may be recorded on a cell phone, computer, or tablet. Ideally, the video would be about 30-45 seconds (up to 1 minute maximum) and would speak to the importance of federal funding as it relates to public libraries (e.g., literacy, job search resources, interlibrary loan, eBooks/eAudio materials). Videos can be recorded either vertically or horizontally. To submit the video, [complete this Google Form](#).

Videos submitted will be compiled and published on the DPI's social media pages. Following are prompts to consider using for a video testimonial:

- What does your public library mean to you?
- What service or library program do you rely on regularly and why?
- What if that service or library program went away? How would that impact your life?
- How has the public library changed your life?

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2) Delivery Service Update

WVLS has been working with our new vendor, Purple Mountain, for just over a month. Some reminders:

- Delivery days are not made up when a library is closed. This includes closures due to holidays, inclement weather, staff development, and library maintenance work.
- Non-ILL items (cash, checks, payments, delicate items, supplies, etc) to WVLS libraries/librarians should not be placed in delivery. WVLS and Purple Mountain are not responsible if these items are ruined, lost or stolen.
- Labels should be used on the outside of all outgoing bins.

Delivery packing tips and best practices are available [on the WVLS website](#). Any communications and concerns about deliveries should be addressed to courier@wvls.org.

3) This Week

- **Udemy Tote Bag Giveaway**

Courses for the [Udemy Tote Bag Giveaway](#) must be completed by today. Participants must show a course has been completed via showing a course certificate. Once a course certificate is shown, a library staff member should complete a Google Form to enter the patron for the chance to win a tote bag.

All tote bag entries [must be submitted](#) by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2. Winners will be announced and notified this week.

- **V-Cat Council Meeting**

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 here.](#)

The meeting will be held at the WVLS office, with remote meeting connection information available on the agenda. 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.

- **CCBC Registration Extended Until Thursday**

Registration for the [CCBC New Books for Children and Teens](#) workshop (held at the Minocqua Public Library on Tuesday, April 8) has been extended until Thursday, April 3.

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.

- **2025 Summer Math Adventure Grant Due on Thursday**

The 2025 Summer Math Adventure Grant offers 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) Unconference for BIPOC Library Staff

The IDEA Project planning team invites [librarians to an unconference](#), specifically for BIPOC staff at all levels, on Tuesday, May 20, at Olbrich Gardens in Madison from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This event is designed to uplift and center the experiences of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) library workers in Wisconsin. Expect an interactive day filled with networking, discussion, and learning.

There is no charge for this event, and breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided. Mileage reimbursement funding is available for people traveling over 25 miles to attend. [Registration is required](#) and will close on Wednesday, May 14.

5) April Web Trainings

Several web training sessions are happening in April, including Website 201, Spring Cleaning, and Preparing for Summer Reading. The sessions can last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register.](#)

6) Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

- **PDF Accessibility 101: Making Your Documents More Inclusive (webinar)**

3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1

[Register](#)

While many libraries focus on making their websites accessible, downloadable PDFs often get overlooked. Unlike web pages, PDFs are not inherently accessible and require specific efforts to ensure they are usable by all patrons. This session will provide practical steps you can take to create accessible PDFs, ensuring that everyone can access and benefit from your library's digital content. (The recording of this webinar is only available to South Central Library System members).

- **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.](#)