



Monday Mentions

June 15, 2026

Things to Know This Week

Library Closure Survey

WVLS requests that all member public libraries respond to a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from August - September 2026. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Purple Mountain of modification to a library's courier schedule.

Please have a staff member complete this survey on behalf of your library by Friday, June 26.

Wisconsin Trustee Training Week

Registration for this year's Trustee Training Week, August 10 - 13, is now open. This year's line-up includes:

- Wisconsin Library Law with Kris Turner on Monday, August 10
- What You Need to Know about AI and Libraries with Crystal Trice on Tuesday, August 11
- Board Documents 101 with Laura Meade on Wednesday, August 12
- All Playing in the Same Orchestra: Collaborating for Community Success with Kami Lynch and Teresa Schmidt on Thursday, August 13

Register for each one-hour webinar individually. Webinars take place from noon - 1 pm each day and will be recorded if you're not able to attend live. Trustee Training was made possible thanks to the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) Bureau of Libraries, with funding support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

What's New

- Library boards have an important role in supporting strong leadership, and regular evaluation of the library director is a key part of that responsibility. The **June Trustee Tale**, "Evaluating Library Director Performance: A Key Board Responsibility," offers a helpful reminder of why director evaluations matter and how boards can approach the process thoughtfully.
 - Summer is here, and this month's **Public Library Services Update** is full of ideas, resources, and opportunities to help your library make the most of the season. Highlights include America 250 resources, STEM materials from Science Across America, and BadgerLink tools to support programming and research. We're also sharing resources on practicing wise empathy, genealogy basics, and grant writing efficiencies, along with information about the Sisters in Crime grant.
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Upcoming V-Cat Training

V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training III – Z39.50

Wednesday, June 24, 9 a.m.

Attendees will learn how to use Z39.50 to connect to OCLC to search, analyze, and save bibliographic records to the V-Cat Sierra database. Prior to attending, library staff must attend a MARC Alert training or receive permission from WVLS staff. Library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in a refresher would benefit in attending.

[Join This Training.](#)

Job Opportunities

The **Withee Public Library** Board of Trustees is accepting applications for a director, who reports to, and implements the policies and vision of, a five-member Board of Trustees.

The Library Director Position is currently 22 hours a week; the salary is based on qualifications and experience. Limited benefits are available. The library is currently open 32 hours per week. Submit a cover letter, resume, 3 non-relative letters of reference, and a job application to:
Withee Public Library Board of Trustees P.O Box 147 Withee, WI 54498

Job Applications may be picked up at the Withee Public Library or are online at:
<http://bit.ly/Witheelibraryapplication>

Continuing Education Opportunities

Leveraging Library Collaboration

Thursday, June 18, 2 - 3 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Municipalities involve the work of many departments, including the public library. Sometimes this is a seamless collaboration, and at other times there are serious conflicts about roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements. Participants will come away with ideas and examples to help do the hard work of relationship development. This webinar is specifically designed for municipal and county employees and elected officials.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Free Summer Webinar Series

The UW-Madison Information School's annual free webinar series is returning this summer! One-hour webinars (Mastering Job Interviews, Canva for Public Libraries, and more!) Thursdays (July 9, 16, 23, and 30) will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. (CDT) and will be recorded. Sign up for one or all four.

[Registration is now open.](#)