



# Monday Mentions

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June 8, 2026

Things to Know This Week

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## 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.

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## WVLS June Newsletter

The WVLS June Newsletter is now posted. Features include: WVLS Announces New System Director, Minocqua Receives Community Award, Guest Feature: Book Buggy Betty, Family Visits Every WVLS Library in 2025, Marathon City Hosts Local Author Visits, and more. The WVLS July Newsletter will be a special edition. Libraries interested in submitting a feature for August should contact WVLS Education Consultant Jamie Matczak at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) by July 29.

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## V-Cat Training This Week

### V-Cat Aspen Cover Images Training Thursday, June 11; 1 p.m.

Attendees will learn how to identify image sources in the online library catalog, select and assign covers from available images, and hide poor cover images.

Join This Training. Password: 8hD5ef0s

### V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training II - MARC Alerts

Friday, June 12, 10 a.m.

This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bibliographic records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog.

Join This Training. Password: Sn39NVas

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## 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>

## Collaborating for Community Success Webinar Series

Public libraries and municipalities can and do collaborate effectively to serve their communities, but sometimes these relationships can be difficult. To help address these challenges and to build positive cooperation, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension's Local Government Education program are teaming up to provide a series of webinars and other resources to help people on all sides of the equation. Both webinars will be recorded and captioned, and provide one contact hour for certification.

Presenters: Teresa Schmidt, Public Library Administration Consultant, Bureau of Libraries, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and Kami Lynch, Municipal Clerk Specialist with UW-Extension and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities

### Building and Leveraging Your Municipal Relationships

Thursday, June 11, 2 - 3 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Public libraries in Wisconsin exist within the context of their municipalities. Sometimes this is a seamless collaboration, and at other times there are serious conflicts about roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements. In part one, we will:

- acknowledge some common pain points between these two entities
- examine factors that have led to improved and functional relationships
- celebrate some of the outcomes these relationships have made possible

Participants will come away with ideas and examples to help do the hard work of relationship development.

### 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.

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## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Fundraising Across the Generations

A Year of Citizen Science Ideas for All Libraries

Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m.

Join SciStarter for an [interactive webinar](#), exploring 12 months of easy-to-implement citizen science programming ideas designed for libraries of all sizes and capacities.

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## Library Surveys

### Your Voice Matters: Take the Solo Library Worker Survey

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries' national research project on solo librarians is nearly complete, and the final step is hearing from library workers directly.

If you work in a public library in a solo or "solo-ish" capacity, you are invited to [complete a 20-minute survey](#) about barriers to professional development, leadership, and community connection. Your response will help build a stronger, more supported future for solo library workers nationwide.

**Games-Based Library Services**

The Wisconsin Bureau of Libraries and the Washington State Library are proud to officially kick off the first-ever nationwide surveying of Games-based Library Services – a key component of its National Games & Libraries Project (funded by an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for Libraries).

The survey will result in a thorough and unprecedented “snapshot” of Games-based Library Services [GBLS] being offered nationwide throughout multitype libraries.

- The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete.
- To keep our data clean and useful, we ask that only one person per each library, branch, institution, etc. submit a response.
- Before starting the survey, we’d ask you to have access to your library’s program attendance and Integrated Library System (ILS) collection data at-hand, as we are seeking certain relevant data points related to Games-based Library Services.
- Use your own discretion to choose responses to the questions that best represent your location.
- Responses are confidential.