



Monday Mentions

July 13, 2026

Things to Know This Week

New Email Address for WISPUBLIB

The WISPUBLIB email list will move to a new hosting platform starting on Monday, July 13. Starting today, messages should be sent to wispublib@wils.org.

Messages sent to the old address, wispublib@lists.wplclists.info, will no longer work. To stay subscribed to the list and continue to receive WISPUBLIB messages, no further action is needed.

Upcoming V-Cat Training

V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Training – Part II

Friday, July 17 from 2 to 4:00 PM

This training will cover tips and tricks for using the Sierra Create Lists function and manipulating data in Excel. Depending upon the interests of attendees, assistance will be provided for developing queries for specific projects as time allows.

This training will benefit staff who want to learn to create record lists to review patron, item or bibliographic record information to review and update records or for collection maintenance; as well as staff who want to learn advanced tips and tricks for better queries and better results.

Complete the [registration form](#) if you would like to attend.

Library Job Opportunity

The Thorp Public Library Board is seeking an enthusiastic, innovative, and community-minded individual to serve as its next Library Director. Strong leaders with a passion for public service and a commitment to creating a welcoming, vibrant library are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:

- At least two years of college coursework (54 credits), with at least half in the liberal arts
- Eligibility for Wisconsin Grade 3 Public Librarian Certification
- Strong leadership, communication, organizational, customer service, and technology skills

[Application information is available on the library's website.](#)

Nominations for WLA Awards and Honors

[Nominations for WLA Awards and Honors](#) will close on Friday, July 31.

There are outstanding library professionals, trustees, advocates, and supporters across Wisconsin doing remarkable work every day. WLA's Awards and Honors program is an opportunity to recognize those contributions and celebrate the impact they have on their libraries, communities, and the profession.

Trustee Tale: Developing and Managing the Library's Budget

Budget season is an important time for library boards, directors, staff, and municipal partners to understand how library funding supports services for the community. This month's Trustee Tale, [Developing and Managing the Library's Budget](#), offers a helpful overview of the library budget process and the shared responsibilities involved in planning, reviewing, approving, and managing public funds.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Understanding Library Authority under Chapter 43 - Wisconsin Statutes (Collaborating for Community Success Series)

Thursday, July 16; 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Libraries operate under specific authority granted by statute to their respective library boards. Learn what this authority is, how it impacts library operations, and how it both differs and relates to municipal operations. Participants will come away with a better grasp of library authority and how it intersects with the municipal governing authority. This understanding of responsibilities will help both entities navigate an effective working relationship. [Register for this webinar.](#)

More Available Webinars

Adventure Is Out There! Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror, and More

Tuesday, July 14 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM

This free, one-hour webinar will feature representatives from Yen Press, Macmillan, ECW Press, and HarperCollins sharing new and adventurous sci-fi, horror, and fantasy titles. Susan Maguire, Senior Editor of Collection Management and Library Outreach for Adult Books, will host. [Register for this webinar.](#)

ROI: Beyond What Your Library is Worth

Wednesday, July 15 at 1:00 PM

In this webinar, Al Hayden, Library Advisory Specialist with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, will discuss a library's return on investment (ROI): how to calculate it, how to communicate it, and how to combine it with other library data to create a fuller, richer picture of your library. [Register for this webinar.](#)

Graphic Jam: Graphic Novels Book Buzz Part 2

Tuesday, July 21 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM

This free, one-hour webinar will celebrate Graphic Novels in Libraries Month with a showcase of new and popular graphic novel titles. Representatives from Penguin Young Readers, Simon & Schuster, Oni Press, Andrews McMeel, and Fantagraphics will share their hottest #ReadGraphic titles. The webinar will be hosted by Sarah Hunter, Booklist Editor for Graphic Novels and Books for Youth. [Register to attend live or receive access to the archive after the event.](#)

Games and Play-Based Experiences for Media and Information Literacy

Thursday, July 23 from 2:00–3:00 PM

This free webinar will explore how games and play-based experiences can help libraries engage patrons of all ages with media and information literacy. Presenters from the University of Washington will share why games can be effective learning tools and introduce ready-to-use resources covering media literacy basics, AI-generated images, and how information flows online. [Register for this webinar.](#)