



Youth Services Information Exchange

January 13; 11-2pm Minocqua Public Library

The traveling Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE – “Why? See!”) discussion group has been invited to visit Minocqua Public Library on Friday, January 13, (with a January 20 “snow date”). The main topic will be program planning for the 2017 “Build a Better World” summer reading program theme.

Please send RSVPs to Kris Adams Wendt at kawendt@wvls.org.

Wild Wisconsin Winter Webinar Conference

January 24-26

Our 5th annual winter web conference is back and better than ever! A keynote, five tracks and 19 sessions are part of this year’s conference. Registration for all events is now open. **(1 CEU per hour webinar)**

[Registration](#)

Periodic Renewal

Thursday February 2; 1-3:30pm MCPL Wausau

Topics: Maximizing Budget & Staying Inspired.
Periodic Renewal discussion sessions are opportunities for attendees to discuss large topics affecting all libraries and staff members on a more regular basis. Two topics are proposed per meeting with two attendees volunteering to facilitate discussion. The last half hour is reserved for discussion of unexpected topics.

Please send RSVPs to Anne Hamland at comm.coordinator@wvls.org or 715-261-7258.

The All-Generation Library

Webinar, February 16; 1pm

Rachel Monaco-Wilcox, JD, Mount Mary University Justice Department, Milwaukee
How do our graying demographics change the use and purpose of libraries? How can libraries best serve and be served by older adults, and how can that create vibrant communities? Learn about myths and misconceptions about aging, how to make accessible spaces for intergenerational learning, how to benefit from the potential of older adults as volunteers and patrons, and how to deal with conflict effectively when it arises. **(1 CEU)**

[Register](#)

Library Legislative Day

February 21; Madison, Wisconsin

[Library Legislative Day](#) held at the Madison Concourse Hotel and State Capitol, is an annual opportunity for librarians and citizen library advocates throughout the state to meet with legislators and legislative staff members in support of 2017-2019 state budget requests for regional and local library services, and other library related issues. Relationship building begins in at home where frequent ongoing advocacy contacts in legislative districts are encouraged throughout the year to demonstrate the ways in which “Libraries Transform.” An annual WVLS scholarship up to \$400 is available for a librarian, trustee or friend to attend Library Legislative Day for the first time.

[Information and Registration coming soon!](#)

30-Minute Thursday: Big Ideas with an Itty-Bitty Budget

Webinar, February 23; 1pm

As it is the case for most small libraries, they want to put on big programs to bring people into the building, but their budgets are really small, and possibly non-existent. Hear how the Algoma Public Library wanted to do some big programs that came with a big price tag, and no budget to support them. From a wine and canvas event to movie nights, see what your library can do even when you think money is a hindrance. **(.5 CEU)**

[Register](#)

National Teen Tech Week

March 5-11; YALSA

Teen Tech Week is when libraries make the time to showcase all of the great digital resources and services that are available to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and 21st century careers. Celebrate the next Teen Tech Week with the theme “Be the Source of Change.”

[Information here!](#)

Rhineland Children’s Book Fest

March 7-8, Rhineland; AM and PM session

Children’s literature specialists from the nationally acclaimed Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) in Madison will book talk and provide an opportunity for hands-on examination of the best books of 2016. Registrants may choose either the Tuesday evening (March 7 – 6:30-8PM) or Wednesday (March 8 – 9:30-noon with book browsing until 2 PM) daytime program. **Celebrating its 30th year in 2017,** Children’s Book Fest continues to be the first opportunity outside of Madison for school and public librarians to receive a copy of the latest CCBC Choices! Co-sponsored by Headwaters Reading Council, the School District of Rhineland and Rhineland District

Library with assistance from Wisconsin Valley Library Service and Northern Waters Library Service.

March 7 1.5 CEUs

March 8 2 CEUs

- Participants will learn about current trends in childrens' and YA literature.
- Participants will learn about the most highly reviewed books of 2016 and integrate that knowledge to collection development.

[Information and Registration here!](#)

WVLS Listening Session Greenwood Public Library

March 15; 10a.m. – 12noon

WVLS Listening Sessions foster dialog. Listening Sessions are casual, informal conversations that provide unique opportunities for colleagues to: share their stories, voice challenges and vet solutions, brainstorm potential collaborations and opportunities!

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Play to Your Strengths

Webinar, March 16; 1pm

How often do you have the opportunity to focus on what you are good at each day? Or is most of your day spending time and energy trying to improve all of things you are not good at? What if instead you focused on what you are good at, your strengths? Learn about the 34 traits identified by the Clifton Strengths-Finder online assessment. Discover how this tool can be used for individual growth and development, to coach and mentor others, and to create dynamic, balanced teams. **(1 CEU)**

Elizabeth Kelsen Huber is Assistant Director of CLiC (Colorado Library Consortium). She provides leadership to all library types across Colorado through CLiC's services, resources and library related technologies, with a focus on continuing education.

[Register](#)

Powerup! Teen Leadership in Your Library and Beyond

Webinar, March 23; 1pm

Powerup! your local youth through civic engagement! Emily Scherrer, Library Manager of Sierra Vista Public Library, will give examples on how you can inspire your local teen population to become more involved in your local library community and beyond. How can the library work as a catalyst to make teenagers an important part of civic

discussions in our communities? Hear how one library engaged teens in public art projects, city-wide leadership conferences, and even brought late-night laser tag to their community in this engaging webinar. **(1 CEU)**

[Register](#)

National Library Week

April 9-15; American Library Association

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

[Information here!](#)

Data into Action: Or, Translating Your Web Statistics into To-Dos

Webinar, April 18; 1pm

In 2017, adding web site tracking capabilities to library web sites often isn't technically difficult, but one is sometimes then left wondering what to do with the wealth of data available. Join Nina McHale, Director of Library Services at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colorado, to learn more about how to turn raw numbers into web site improvements. **(1 CEU)**

[Register](#)

Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Annual Conference

April 26-28 2017

(3 CEUs per half day attended)

[Information and registration coming soon!](#)

WVLS Listening Session Rhinelander District Library

May 2; 10a.m.-12noon

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Decoding Databases

Webinar, May 3; 1-3pm

Modeled after presentations by Jean Anderson, Megan Theys will walk attendees through databases such as Learning Express Library, Ancestry Library, EBSCOhost, Archive of WI Newspapers, and more! This hands-on, interactive session will include practicing potential questions from library patrons. **(2 CEUs)**

[Register](#)

WLA Support Staff and Circulation Services Conference (SSCS)

May 25; Fort Atkinson, WI

(3 CEUs per half day attended)

[Information and Registration here!](#)

American Library Association Annual Conference

June 22-27; Chicago, IL.

The national conference is in our neck of the woods! Registration begins February 2, 2017. **(3 CEUs per half day attended)**

[Information and Registration here!](#)