

WVLS Leadership in 2024

When Everyone Leads the Toughest Challenges Get Seen and Solved

2024 WVLS Board of Trustees

Tom Bobrofsky, Clark County
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2024 Library Advisory Committee

Katie Aldrich (Chair), Northcentral Technical College
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Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library
Amber Brill, Greenwood Area Library
Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, Stetsonville
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Felicia Albrecht; Edith Evans Community Library, Laona
Jill Roth, E.U. Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes
Julie Beloungy, Thorp School District
Kay Heiting, Granton School District
Leah Giordano, Marathon County Public Library
Peg Billing, Lakeland Union High School District, Minocqua
Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library
Vicky Calmes, Colby Community Library
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2024 WVLS / V-Cat Steering Committee

Tom Bobrofsky (Chair); Trustee, Clark County
Ada Demlow; Antigo Public Library
Judy Peterson; Trustee, Langlade County
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Laurie Ollhoff; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill)
Laurie Renel-Faledas; Crandon Public Library
Leah Giordano; Marathon County Public Library
Petra Pietrzak, Trustee, Oneida County
Sonja Ackerman; Trustee, Marathon County
Virginia Roberts; Rhinelander District Library
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS Staff
Marla Sepnafski; WVLS Staff

2024 V-Cat Council Executive Committee

Janay Ziebell (Chair), Neillsville Public Library

Rita Ludvigsen (Vice Chair / Chair Elect), Western Taylor County Public Library, Gilman

Peg O'Connell (Past Chair), Minocqua Public Library

Katie Zimmermann, WVLS ILS Administrator

Brenda Walenton, WVLS Business Manager

Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Director

2024 V-Cat Council – Bibliographic/Interface Committee

Chris Luebbe (Chair), Marathon County Public Library

James Bauer, Marathon County Public Library

Cheryle Miller, Rhinelander District Library

Cindy Wendt, Minocqua Public Library

Elizabeth Simek, Antigo Public Library

Emily Mueller, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford

Faith Martinson, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill

Rachel Metzler, WVLS

2024 V-Cat Council - Cooperative Circulation Committee

Jenny Jochimson (Co-Chair); Abbotsford Public Library, Clark County

Virginia Roberts (Co-Chair); Rhinelander District Library, Oneida County

Ada Demlow; Antigo Public Library, Langlade County

Evan Marzahn; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill), Lincoln County

Laurie Renel-Faledas; Crandon Public Library, Forest County

Olivia Boles; Marathon County Public Library, Marathon County

Olivia Carlson; Marathon County Public Library, Marathon County

Rita Ludvigsen; Western Taylor County Public Library (Gilman), Taylor County

Katie Zimmermann, WVLS

2024 Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration (NICE) Team

Alexander Johnson, Support Services Manager; Marathon County Public Library

Gina Rae, Database and Support Specialist; Northern Waters Library Service

Jackee Johnson, ILS Administrator; Northern Waters Library Service

Katelyn Sabelko, Library Services Manager; Marathon County Public Library

Katie Zimmermann, ILS Administrator; WVLS

Kelly Wiisanen, Youth and Family Resources Manager; Superior Public Library

Laurie Ollhoff, Director; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill)

Molly Lank-Jones, Director; Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library (Hayward)

Peg O'Connell, Director; Minocqua Public Library

Rachel Metzler, Database and Support Specialist; WVLS

Sara Klemann, Director; Walter E. Olson Memorial Library (Eagle River)

Sue Heskin, Director; Superior Public Library

Tammie Blomberg, Director; Rib Lake Public Library

Teresa Schmidt, Director; Mercer Public Library

2024 NICE Workgroup – ILS Vendor Selection

Angie Bodzislaw; Spooner Memorial Library
Ann Larson; Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library (Hayward)
Alexander Johnson; Marathon County Public Library
Jackee Johnson; Northern Waters Library Service
Maria Pregler; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill)
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS

2024 NICE Workgroup – Funding Formula and Budget

Amber Brill; Greenwood Area Library
Cherie Sanderson; Boulder Junction Public Library
Jackee Johnson; Northern Waters Library Service
Leah Giordano; Marathon County Public Library
Sara Klemann; Walter E. Olson Memorial Library (Eagle River)
Sherry Anderson; Northern Waters Library Service
Sue Heskin; Superior Public Library
Virginia Roberts; Rhinelander District Library
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS
Marla Sepnafski; WVLS

2024 NICE Workgroup – Delivery

Jackee Johnson; Northern Waters Library Service
Jamie Matczak; WVLS
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS
Marla Sepnafski; WVLS
Rachel Metzler; WVLS
Sara May; Northern Waters Library Service
Sherry Anderson; Northern Waters Library Service

2024 NICE Workgroup – Collaborative Decision-Making

Cherie Sanderson; Boulder Junction Public Library
Jackee Johnson; Northern Waters Library Service
Janay Ziebell; Neillsville Public Library
Leah Giordano; Marathon County Public Library
Sarah Adams; Vaughn Public Library (Ashland)
Sue Heskin; Superior Public Library
Tammie Blomberg, Director; Rib Lake Public Library
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS

2024 WVLS MENTORS

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| Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library | Kristie Hauer, Shawano County Library and WVLS |
| Jill Trochta, Suring Public Library | Sarah Sugden, Brown County Public Library |
| Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library | Susan Heskin, Superior Public Library |
| Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Mem. Library, Stetsonville | |

2024 WVLS Library Legislative Day Cohort

Leader: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS

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| Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library | Petra Pietrzak, WVLS Trustee |
| Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library | Sherry Anderson, Northern Waters Library Service |
| Jim Mildbrand, Loyal Public Library Trustee | Teresa Hall, Loyal Public Library |
| Kari Sweeney, WVLS Trustee | Tom Bobrofsky, WVLS Trustee |
| Leah Giordano, Marathon Co. PL | Virginia Roberts, Rhinelander District Library |
| Laurie Ollhoff, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill | Brenda Walenton, WVLS |
| Laurie Renel-Faledas, Crandon PL | Erica Brewster, WVLS |
| Louise Olszewski, WVLS Trustee | Marla Sepnafski, WVLS |
| Maxx Handel, Frances Simek Library, Medford | |
| Michael Otten, WVLS Trustee | |
| Peg O'Connell, Minocqua Public Library | |

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) Advisory Board: Annette Miller, Tomahawk Public Library, and Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS

Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND): Appointments by Governor Tony Evers - Michael Otten, WVLS Trustee, and Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS

DPI Library Services Data Workgroup: Erica Brewster, WVLS

DPI Library Workforce Connection: Kristie Hauer, WVLS

Public Library System Marketing Cohort: Jamie Matczak, WVLS

System Office Managers and Business Administrators of Wisconsin (SOMBAW): Brenda Walenton, WVLS

System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW): Leah Giordano, Marathon County Public Library, and Marla Sepnafski, WVLS

WiLS Data Classroom: Erica Brewster, WVLS

WiLSWorld Short Panel Discussion: Katelyn Sabelko, Marathon County Public Library

Wisconsin Humanities Council: Appointment by Governor Tony Evers – Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS

WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (WLA)

2023 Wisconsin Library Association Leadership Development Institute: Katelyn Sabelko, Marathon County Public Library; Sherry Anderson (Chair), Northern Waters Library Service

2023 Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference Presenter: Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library

2023 WLA Conference Planning Committee: Jamie Matczak (Chair), WVLS Staff and Brenda Walenton (Vendor Exhibits Co-Chair), WVLS

2023 WLA Conference Room Monitors and Greeters: Tom Bobrofsky, WVLS Trustee; Kristie Hauer, WVLS; and Marla Sepnafski, WVLS

2023 WLA Conference Presenters: Julie Beloungy, Thorp School District; Krista Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library; Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library and School District; Sherry Anderson, Northern Waters Library Service

2024 WLA Conference Planning Committee: Brenda Walenton (Vendor Exhibits Chair), WVLS and Jamie Matczak (Local Arrangements), WVLS

WLA Federal Relations Coordinator: Sherry Anderson, Northern Waters Library Service

WLA Library Development and Legislation (LD&L) Committee: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS, and Sherry Anderson, Northern Waters Library Service

LD&L Budget Team: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS

LD&L Library Legislative Day Team: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS, and Sherry Anderson, Northern Waters Library Service

WISCONSIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (WPLC)

WPLC Board Member and Liaison to Digital Library Steering Committee: Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff

Budget Committee: Rachel Metzler, WVLS

Collection Development Committee: Rachel Metzler, WVLS

Data Dashboard Workgroup: Erica Brewster, WVLS Staff; Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS

Digital Archives Backup Collaboration Steering Committee: Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS

Digital Library Steering Committee: System Representative - Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library

Selection Committees: (Advantage/Consortium Collections): Cindy Wendt, Minocqua Public Library (Adv); Jenny Jochimsen, Abbotsford Public Library (Adv); Kate Sullivan, Marathon County Public Library (Adv); Maria Pregler, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill (Adv); Rachel Metzler, WVLS (Adv); Lorelee Peterson, Owen Public Library (Consortium and Adv); Elisha Sheffer, Rhinelander District Library (Consortium)

Technology Backup Collaboration Steering Committee: Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS

Technology Collaboration Operations Committee: Kris Schwartz, IFLS Library System and Tony Kriskovich, Northern Waters Library Service (LEAN WI Partnership)

Technology Collaboration Steering Committee: Marla Sepnafski, WVLS

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Teresa Hall, Loyal Public Library
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Sue Heskin, Superior Public Library
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