

WVLS Leadership in 2023

When Everyone Leads the Toughest Challenges Get Seen and Solved

2023 WVLS Board of Trustees

Tom Bobrofsky, Clark County
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2023 Library Advisory Committee

Teresa Hall (Chair), Loyal Public Library
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Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library
Brandon Hardin, Withee Public Library
Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, Stetsonville
Erica Brewster, Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes
Felicia Albrecht; Edith Evans Community Library, Laona
Jacob Stingl, DC Everest School District, Schofield
Julie Beloungy, Thorp School District
Kay Heiting, Granton School District
Laurie Ollhoff, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill
Leah Giordano, Marathon County Public Library
Peg Billing, Lakeland Union High School District, Minocqua
Rita Ludvigsen, Western Taylor County Public Library, Gilman

2023 WVLS / V-Cat Steering Committee

Tom Bobrofsky (Chair); Trustee, Clark County
Eileen Grunseth; Trustee, Taylor County
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Ada Demlow; Antigo Public Library, Langlade County
Amber Brill; Greenwood Public Library, Clark County
Cynthia Lemerande; Wabeno Public Library, Forest County
Laurie Ollhoff; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill), Lincoln County
Leah Giordano; Marathon County Public Library, Marathon County
Katie Zimmermann; WVLS Staff
Marla Sepnafski; WVLS Staff

2023 V-Cat Council Executive Committee

Peg O'Connell (Chair), Minocqua Public Library
Janay Ziebell (Vice Chair / Chair Elect), Neillsville Public Library
Jenny Jochimson (Past Chair), Abbotsford Public Library
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS ILS Administrator
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Director
Brenda Walenton, WVLS Business Manager

2023 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
Emily Mueller, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford
Faith Martinson, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill
Maria Pregler, Antigo Public Library
Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff

2023 V-Cat Council - Cooperative Circulation Committee

Laurie Renel-Faledas (Chair); Crandon Public Library, Forest County
Jenny Jochimson; Abbotsford Public Library, Clark County
Maria Pregler; Antigo Public Library, Langlade County
Evan Marzahn; T.B. Scott Library (Merrill), Lincoln County
Kitty Roesler; Marathon County Public Library, Marathon County
Virginia Roberts; Rhinelander District Library, Oneida County
Tammie Blomberg; Rib Lake Public Library, Taylor County
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS Staff

2023 V-Cat Council – ILS Evaluation and Review Committee

Alexander Johnson (Chair), Marathon County Public Library
Chris Luebbe, Marathon County Public Library
Ashley Greenhaw, Rhinelander District Library
Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library
Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library
Maria Pregler, Antigo Public Library
Maxx Handel, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford
Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library
Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS Staff

2023 Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration (NICE) Team

Alexander Johnson, Marathon County Public Library
Gina Rae, Northern Waters Library Service
Jackee Johnson, Northern Waters Library Service

Molly Lank-Jones, Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward
Peg O'Connell, Minocqua Public Library
Sue Heskin, Superior Public Library
Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library
Teresa Schmidt, Mercer Public Library
Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff
Katie Zimmermann, WVLS Staff

2023 WVLS MENTORS

Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, Stetsonville
Erica Brewster, Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes
Julie Beloungy, Thorp School District
Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library
Kristie Hauer, Shawano County Library
Sarah Sugden, Brown County Public Library, Green Bay
Susan Heskin, Superior Public Library

2023 WVLS LLD Cohort

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Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library
Katelyn Sabelko, Marathon County Public Library
Laurie Ollhoff, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill
Teresa Hall, Loyal Public Library
Virginia Roberts, Rhinelander District Library
Brenda Walenton, WVLS Staff
Jamie Matczak, WVLS Staff
Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS Staff
Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS Staff
Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Staff
Sherry Machones, Northern Waters Library Service

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) Advisory Board: Annette Miller, Tomahawk Public Library

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

Public Library System Marketing Cohort: Jamie Matczak, WVLS Staff

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

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

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

WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (WLA)

2022 Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference Presenter: Krista Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library

2022 Wisconsin Library Association Conference Presenters: Denise Chojnacki, Rhinelander District Library; Laurie Ollhoff, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill; Sherry Machones, Northern Waters Library Service; Jamie Matczak, WVLS Staff; and Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS Staff

2022 Wisconsin Library Association Conference Room Monitors: Tom Bobrofsky, WVLS Trustee, and Jamie Matczak, WVLS Staff

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

2023 Leadership Development Institute: Sherry Machones (Chair), Northern Waters Library Service

Federal Relations Coordinator: Sherry Machones, Northern Waters Library Service

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

LD&L Budget Team: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS Staff

LD&L Library Legislative Day Team: Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS Staff

Wisconsin Small Libraries Section Board: Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library

WISCONSIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (WPLC)

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

Collection Development Committee: Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff

Digital Archives Backup Collaboration Steering Committee: Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS Staff

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); Lorelee Peterson, Owen Public Library (Consortium and Adv); Maria Pregler, Antigo Public Library (Adv); Rachel Metzler, WVLS Staff (Adv)

Technology Backup Collaboration Steering Committee: Joshua Klingbeil, WVLS Staff

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 Staff

LEADERSHIP BY COUNTY

Clark County

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Janay Ziebell, Neillsville Public Library
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Gina Rae, Northern Waters Library Service
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