

# 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

Laurie Ollhoff (Vice Chair / Chair Elect), T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill

Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library

Amber Brill, Greenwood Area Library

Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, Stetsonville

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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

Virginia Roberts, Rhinelander District Library

## 2024 WVLS / V-Cat Steering Committee

Tom Bobrofsky (Chair); Trustee, Clark County

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Judy Peterson; Trustee, Langlade County

Kay Heiting; Granton Community Library

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**

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

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

## **LEADERSHIP BY COUNTY**

### **Clark County**

Amber Brill, Greenwood Area Library  
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Jenny Jochimsen, Abbotsford Public Library  
Jim Mildbrand, Loyal Public Library Trustee  
Julie Beloungy, Thorp School District  
Kay Heiting, Granton Community Library / Granton School District  
Loralee Peterson, Owen Public Library  
Louise Olszewski, WVLS Trustee  
Teresa Hall, Loyal Public Library  
Tom Bobrofsky, WVLS Trustee  
Vicky Calmes, Colby Community Library

### **Forest County**

Carol Bartlein, WVLS Trustee  
Felicia Albrecht, Edith Evans Community Library, Laona  
Laurie Renel-Faledas, Crandon Public Library

### **Langlade County**

Ada Demlow, Antigo Public Library  
Elizabeth Simek, Antigo Public Library  
Judy Peterson, WVLS Trustee

### **Lincoln County**

Annette Miller, Tomahawk Public Library  
Dr. Diane Peterson, WVLS Trustee  
Evan Marzahn, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill  
Faith Martinson, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill  
Heidi O'Hare, Tomahawk Public Library  
Laurie Ollhoff, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill  
Maria Pregler, T.B. Scott Library, Merrill

### **Marathon County**

Alexander Johnson (Chair), Marathon County Public Library  
Chris Luebbe, Marathon County Public Library  
Cori Soukup, D.C. Everest School District  
James Bauer, Marathon County Public Library  
Jessica Bennett, WVLS Trustee  
Jim Backus, WVLS Trustee  
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Michael Otten, WVLS Trustee  
Olivia Boles, Marathon County Public Library  
Olivia Carlson, Marathon County Public Library  
Sonja Ackerman, WVLS Trustee

### **Oneida County**

Cheryle Miller, Rhinelander District Library  
Cindy Wendt, Minocqua Public Library  
Elisha Sheffer, Rhinelander District Library  
Jill Roth, E.U. Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes  
Peg Billing, Lakeland Union High School District, Minocqua  
Peg O'Connell, Minocqua Public Library  
Petra Pietrzak, WVLS Trustee  
Virginia Roberts, Rhinelander District Library

### **Taylor County**

Carla Huston, Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, Stetsonville  
Candice Grunseth, WVLS Trustee  
Emily Mueller, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford  
Krista Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library  
Rita Ludvigsen, Western Taylor County Public Library, Gilman  
Tammie Blomberg, Rib Lake Public Library

### **LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE WVLS AREA**

Angie Bodzislav, Spooner Memorial Library  
Ann Larson, Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward  
Cherie Sanderson, Boulder Junction Public Library  
Gina Rae, Northern Waters Library Service  
Jackee Johnson, Northern Waters Library Service  
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