

APRIL 2024

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

MONTHLY UPDATE

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE

MAKERSPACE

SPEAKER PA SYSTEM

This public address (PA) system includes a portable speaker, 2 wireless mics, 2 wireless mic holders, 1 lapel transmitter, 1 headset transmitter, 1 wireless receiver, 1 remote, microphone cable, batteries, and power cord.

A 6-foot Pyle Pro speaker stand is also available through the Makerspace.

The PA system can be used with or without the speaker stand.

The Speaker PA System is available as pickup at WVLS; it cannot be transported through courier.

[Book makerspace kits and equipment](#)

ADULT SERVICES

➤ **US NEWSSTREAM**

Access current news without the paywall! Available for free through BadgerLink, US Newsstream features articles from the 1980s to current (as in *today*) from hundreds of sources. Major newspapers include Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, and LA Times.

➤ **LIBBY HELP**

Libby Help is an amazing resource! Over 50 super-short (about a minute long) training videos are available. Since Libby is digital, there are many great customizable, accessible features- font style (including dyslexia-friendly), text size, color variation to improve contrast, and more.

➤ **REFERENCE TRAINING**

Ohio Reference Excellence (ORE) Online is comprised of 6 self-paced training modules that cover many aspects of the reference process. Modules can be completed in order or by jumping to the modules needed as a refresher.

YOUTH SERVICES

➤ **STARRED REVIEWS**

For March starred reviews, click [here](#).

➤ **ASL IN STORYTIME: FEELINGS**

Webinar~ April 24, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Add some American Sign Language to your storytime toolbox! This interactive session will focus on basic ASL vocabulary for emotions and activities to support self-awareness, an important social emotional skill. Offered by CLEL (CO Libraries for Early Literacy). Register [here](#).

➤ **PBS WI EDUCATION EVENTS**

Follow the [Events](#) page to see training opportunities across the state (many are offered for free). An upcoming event is Resilient Minds EdCamp in Eau Claire on May 18.

➤ **DIVERSE BOOKS TOOLKIT**

This toolkit will help you:

- *search for titles by culture, subject, grade level, or genre
- *analyze your collection
- *bring diverse texts to life
- *discover award-winning titles and book lists

YOUTH SERVICES

➤ **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

- *[Reading Rockets](#)' picture books featuring characters with Autism or Asperger's
- *[Novel Mind's](#) books on neurodiversity and/or mental health
- *[CCBC's](#) cognitive/neurological disability/condition book list

➤ **CHARLOTTE ZOLOTOW AWARD**

Saturday May 4, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. at the CCBC in Madison. [Online registration](#) is required, in-person event only. Author [Kim Rogers](#) will accept the award. Author [Laurie Purdie Salas](#) will also attend. Reception and book signing will follow the award presentation.

➤ **IFLS VS MINI-CONFERENCE**

April 17, 2024 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. [Register here](#) by April 9. *Full details were forwarded on 4/3 to the WVLS Youth Services email list.*

➤ **CONNECTING WI LIBRARIES**

This is a networking group of school and public libraries that meets quarterly to facilitate collaboration with WLA and WEMTA stakeholders, and to foster collaboration between school and public libraries statewide. [Click here](#) to join the next meeting on Thursday April 25th at 3 p.m. Mary Ellen Graf from TeachingBooks will be presenting: Powerful Partnerships: Schools, Public Libraries, & TeachingBooks.

ALL-AGES

WI SCIENCE

➤ FESTIVAL

The festival is a statewide celebration of hands-on exhibitions, demonstrations, performances, tours, workshops and more. This year's festival is Oct 4-20.

Virtual Kick-Off Party: April 25
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Register [here](#).

2023 BOOK

➤ BAN DATA

The Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) of the ALA has recently published a [report](#) on book challenges across the United States. The report reveals that the number of challenges to unique titles has increased by 65% in 2023 compared to the previous year, marking the highest level ever recorded by ALA.

CSLP SOCIAL

➤ MEDIA TOOLKIT

The 2024 CSLP Social Media Toolkit is live and ready to help make this summer the best ever! Find pre-written posts, ready-to-go graphics, Adventure Begins at Your Library brand guidelines and customizable Canva templates!

INCLUSIVE SERVICES

➤ INCLUSIVE SERVICES ASSESSMENT & GUIDE

If your library has not completed DPI's Inclusive Services Assessment and Guide, here are a few activities to work to incorporate at your library.

- Are library staff aware of professional development opportunities in relation to inclusive services?
- Does the library offer various audiobook formats, such as CDs, downloadable audiobooks, and eBooks?
- Does the library collaborate with established community organizations when planning and promoting programs?

➤ INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

Independent Living Centers (ILCs) are non-residential, private, non-profit, consumer-controlled, community-based organizations providing services and advocacy by and for persons with all types of disabilities. Their goal is to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential within their families and communities.

There are two ILCs in the WVLS service area:

[Midstate Independent Living Choices](#)

[Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

➤ **SAVE THE DATE!**

A Workforce Collaboration Workshop is planned for spring.

Date: May 24, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Brown County Library in Green Bay

Additional details and registration available soon.

➤ **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a federal/state program designed to obtain, maintain, and advance employment for people with disabilities by working with DVR consumers, employers, and other partners. This [video](#) is a quick rundown of who the program serves and how it works.

UPCOMING

APRIL 17 ~ 10AM

WVLS LISTENING SESSION
COLBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
REGISTER [HERE](#).

APRIL 25 ~ 3 PM

CONNECTING WI LIBRARIES
VIRTUAL MEETING
[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN

MAY 1

SUMMER PERFORMER CONTRACTS
DUE FOR PERFORMER GRANT

MAY 9 ~ 3P

YSS WEBINAR
LIBRARIES WITHOUT LIMITS:
OT, PTS, AND SLPS
REGISTER [HERE](#).

MAY 13 & 14

CCBC WORKSHOP
“GREAT NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN
AND TEENS” AND
“INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM TRAINING”
SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGISTER [HERE](#).

MAY 15 & 16

CCBC WORKSHOP
“GREAT NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN
AND TEENS” AND
“INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM TRAINING”
LE PHILLIPS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?**

LET'S CONNECT!



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