

**MAY 2024**

# **PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

**WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE**

# MAKERSPACE

## JIGSAW PUZZLES

The makerspace now offers two sets of puzzles to host jigsaw puzzle competitions!

Each set of puzzles includes 10 of the same 500-piece puzzle.

While there's no right or wrong way to host this program, here's more [information](#) for you to get started.

[Book makerspace kits and equipment](#)

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# ADULT SERVICES

## ➤ **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

The Bureau of Consumer Protection offers free presentations at libraries (or virtually) on a variety of topics: fraud, scams, motor vehicle repair, safe online shopping, landlord-tenant rights, home improvement contracts, and more.

## ➤ **OPIOID CRISIS SUPPORT KIT**

Webjunction has developed a toolkit to assist public library staff in identifying how they can address opioid use disorder in their community. It offers strategies, tools, and resources to assess community needs, identify roles and partners, and plan programming.

## ➤ **RURAL MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCE**

Rural Minds and the National Grange have created this program to provide free mental health information, resources, and training for people in rural communities. Library staff can use the program's materials, which include fact sheets, flyers, conversation starters, and a planning guide.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **STARRED REVIEWS**

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

## ➤ **A JOYOUS WAY TO LEARN WITH JIM GILL**

June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Mead Public Library in Sheboygan. Librarians and early childhood educators will leave the session inspired to celebrate with new songs, playful literacy activities, and strategies to help children learn! Register [here](#).

## ➤ **ALSC SUMMER READING LISTS**

Lists are available for kids of all ages. Download four free lists with book titles and digital media options to keep children engaged in reading and exploring during summer.

## ➤ **TALK WITH ME TOOLKITS**

Smithsonian Learning Lab offers toolkits to improve thinking, vocabulary, and language development. Toolkits provide theme-based conversation ideas, videos, photos, art, and questions to discuss. The toolkits include activities and recommended books. Themes are Air & Space, Art, Me & My World, Music, and Nature.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## ➤ **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

\*[The Brown Bookshelf](#)

\*[We are Kid Lit Collective's 2024 Summer Reading List](#)

\*[YALSA's Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#)

## ➤ **2023 DIVERSITY STATS**

The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) has updated its annual diversity statistics to include data on the 3,491 books for children and teens received by the CCBC that were published in 2023. There's a ton of great info and graphics available through the [news release](#) and [media kit](#).

## ➤ **LOW ON TEEN PROGRAM IDEAS?**

[Teen Programming in Libraries](#) collaborative board in Pinterest has you covered with over 900 ideas!

## ➤ **TRIPLE P ONLINE PROGRAM**

Triple P Positive Parenting Program is an evidence-based program. It is designed to prevent and treat behavioral and emotional problems in children and teenagers. It aims to create family environments that encourage children to reach their full potential and prevent problems in the family, school, and community before they arise. The program consists of eight modules that take 30-60 minutes to complete.

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# ALL-AGES



## **GREAT LAKES, GREAT READ**

Recently, “The Water Walker” by Joanne Robertson was chosen as the children’s selection and “The Best Part of Us” by Sally Cole-Misch as the adult selection. Both authors will be featured in a free webinar series this fall. In November, they will visit Wisconsin for a variety of events.



## **SOLAR SCIENCE PROGRAMMING**

Whether your library held programs already, or you are gearing up for solar science fun this summer, Wisconsin public library staff would love to hear about your program. DPI has created this live document that you can add to and use as a resource for upcoming program ideas.



## **WI SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

Join hundreds of organizations for this year’s festival, which will be held October 14-20. A recent kick-off event outlined important planning pieces:

- \*[Event host guide](#)
- \*[Register](#) your event(s)
- \*[Request](#) “Science in a Bag” kits
- \*[Sign up](#) to receive updates

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# 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.

- Do written procedures include the library's primary commitment to equitable service to all users?
- Do library staff have opportunities to participate in professional activities such as continuing education?
- Does the collection include titles for "hi-low" readers, such as adults who read at a middle school level?

## ➤ JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK (JAN)

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) offers free and confidential consultation to employers, regardless of their company size. This consultation aims to provide practical guidance on workplace accommodation solutions and accommodation process strategies. It also covers the employment provisions (Title I) of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other related legislation. While JAN provides information and resources, it cannot offer legal advice.

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ➤ **WORKFORCE COLLABORATION WORKSHOP: MAY 24, 10AM-3PM @ BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY**

Libraries play a crucial role in helping their communities thrive by providing employment assistance to job seekers. This includes helping library users with job searching, application preparation, and other social and employment services. However, it can be challenging for frontline staff to navigate these services alone.

To facilitate collaboration and discuss available resources, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and partners developed through the Library Workforce Connection statewide workgroup are hosting this in-person workshop. Attendees will learn tips, strategies, and best practices for forming local partnerships in their communities and will have the opportunity to network with other library and workforce development staff. The workshop is free and includes lunch. Register [here](#).



# UPCOMING

**MAY 24 ~ 10AM**

WORKFORCE COLLABORATION  
WORKSHOP  
GREEN BAY  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**JULY 18-19**

PLAY MAKE LEARN CONFERENCE  
MADISON  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**AUGUST 12 ~ 1PM**

YSIE GET-TOGETHER  
GRANTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**SEPTEMBER 10**

YSIE GET-TOGETHER  
VIRTUAL WITH IFLS  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

**SEPTEMBER 19-21**

ALSC NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
DENVER, COLORADO  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

**SEPTEMBER 23 ~ 10AM**

WVLS LISTENING SESSION  
FRANCIS L SIMEK MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
IN MEDFORD  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**

**LET'S CONNECT!**



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