



1) WVLS Welcomes New Staff Member

WVLS welcomed Brendan Tuckey to the team as the Technology Support Consultant on Monday, January 8.

In this unique role, Brendan is employed by the three LEAN WI systems (WVLS, IFLS Library System and the Northern Waters Library Service) for website training and support. Brendan will also provide training and support for the Winding Rivers Library System.

Welcome, Brendan!

2) YSIE Get-Together This Week

The first youth services information exchange get-together of 2024 will be held virtually from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 18. Ideas and resources on STEAM programs, kits, and activities, as well as passive program ideas, will be shared. Attendees are asked to bring examples and ideas.

[Join Zoom Meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 825 5975 2665 Passcode: 6DknnVKC

3) 'Connecting Wisconsin Libraries' Meeting

The next Connecting Wisconsin Libraries meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on Thursday January 18. Have you ever wondered what your school or public library peer does in their day-to-day work? Curious about crossover opportunities for collaboration and mutual problem-solving with library peers in your community? Join us for a panel discussion on "A day in the Life of..." with school media specialists Anne Smith and Emily Zorea, and youth services public librarians Laci Sheldon and Tiffany Helgerson. Panelists will talk about programming, lesson planning, collection development, how workplace policies and procedures inform their decision making, and much more.

[Join the meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 257 874 254 167 Passcode: 3JL4yy

4) Attention Games-Interested Librarians

Library staff (school, public, & other) interested in the "Games + Libraries + Learning" space are invited to join the ongoing-development Wisconsin Games + Learning + Libraries Cohort. The Cohort, organized by the DPI, will be digitally housed in the WISELearn Resources Group to engage in discussion and form an affinity space and easy-to-access network surrounding Games + Learning + Libraries in Wisconsin.

[Read more.](#)

5) Meetup to “Power Up” Conference Proposals

Plans are underway for the 2024 WAPL Conference taking place May 1 - 3 at the Holiday Inn - Stevens Point Conference Center. Thinking about submitting a WAPL Conference program proposal, but aren't sure where to start? Join the committee and peers for an informal, virtual idea-sharing/brainstorming meetup. Share ideas in a supportive environment, ask questions, and learn tips for submission.

This year's conference theme is “Power to the Public.” [Program proposals are due by Friday, January 26.](#)

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Book Talk: Black Voices for Black History Month](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16
- [Social Media 101 for Nonprofits](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16
- [Auditing Library Websites](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17
- [High-Performing Leadership](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17
- [Getting Started with Libby](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 18
- [Public Relations Saves the World](#) - 10 a.m. on Monday, January 22

7) Reminders

- Registration is now open for the 2024 Teen Inclusive Internship Program webinars in February. This webinar will introduce participants to the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funded Wisconsin Teen Inclusive Internship Program.

The program is a continuation of the 2023 Teen Internship pilot program. In the summer of 2023, five Wisconsin public libraries offered paid summer internships using LSTA grant funding to recruit and hire teens that reflected the diversity of their communities. Up to \$3,000 in funding is available for each of the five libraries chosen to participate. [Read more and register for a webinar.](#)