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The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten App is Here!

A free 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten App is now available to library users. WVLS and other systems teamed up with Bridges Library System (BLS) to roll out version 2.0 September 6, 2016 for Androids and Apple products. Visit the [1,000 Books Before Kindergarten App Toolkit](#) developed by BLS for a toolkit for staff training and marketing materials. Library patrons will soon be asking about this great app! [More information here.](#)



LSTA Grant for Counting Visitors at WVLS Public Libraries

The 2017 LSTA Information Guidelines containing information and grant criteria have been released and bring good news as we enter Annual Report season! The 2017 LSTA Technology category includes a non-competitive sub-category allowing for the purchase of door counters for system libraries. Please answer the three question survey to help WVLS prepare an LSTA application.

[LSTA WVLS Public Library Survey](#)



WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant

WVLS is excited to announce the new WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant! The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is offering a competitive grant to a member library to develop and implement a service for their community that is both innovative and collaborative. The relevant aspects of the grant and, ultimately, of the new service are *innovation, collaboration, value to the community and sustainability*.

Total funds available for a grant project ranges from \$1,000-\$10,000 annually.

Multiple grant applications may be funded if the total is less than \$10,000.

[Eligibility information and Application materials.](#)



Workshops and Webinars **Tools for Community Engagement** **and Planning**

Webinar, Friday October 14th, 9-10 a.m.

Cindy Fesemyer, director of the Columbus Public Library (population 5000) will discuss tools for engaging with her community, including Libraries Transform Communities and the Aspen Institute Report, and how she has applied them with her library and community. This session will be recorded. [Information and Registration.](#)

Makerspace Kit Fair #3 & #4

Workshop, Tuesday October 18th, 10-3 p.m

Minocqua Public Library

Workshop, Tuesday October 19th, 10-3 p.m

Marathon County Public Library- Wausau

A series of four (4) Maker Space Kit Fairs. A chance to explore new high and low-tech makerspace kits: everything from handcrafts to rowdy robots to button making, to mug making and 3D printing! Get your hands on the kits created by IFLS and WVLS and learn some cool ways to use them for programs for all ages! [Makerspace Information and Registration.](#)

More workshops and webinars can be found in the [WVLS Fall Continuing Education Schedule.](#)



Dates To Know

Down and Dirty with Social Media

Sep 21 @ 1pm

[Webinar Info and Registration](#)

Makerspace Kit Fair #1

Sep 22 @ 10-3pm

River Falls Public Library

[Workshop Info and Registration](#)

Makerspace Kit Fair #2

Sep 22 @ 10-3pm

Ladysmith

[Workshop Info and Registration](#)

WiLS Regional Community Meeting

Sep 29 @ 1-4pm

Tomahawk School District

[Workshop Info and Registration](#)

New Public Library Director Boot Camp

Sep 29/30th

Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott, Wausau

National Family Fitness Day

Sep 24

Power Up! Youth Library Leadership Conference

Registration is open for the first ever national Youth Library Leadership/Management Conference March 30-31st in Madison. [Information and Registration here!](#)

Banned Books Week
Sep 25-Oct 1



Banned Books Week and Dealing with Material Challenges

September 25th-October 1st is Banned Books Week
Celebrate the freedom to read! National Banned Books Week draws attention to the harm of censorship. Build a program or display for your library. All libraries encounter censorship efforts at some point. [Recommended Resources](#) to prepare for challenges and censorship issues and to build Banned Books programs.



WiLS 2016 Regional Community Meetings

Join your colleagues for this free opportunity to learn more about identifying and initiating strategic partnerships. [WiLS' 2016 Regional Community Meetings](#) are opportunities to help you learn about and use community asset mapping and how to reach out to potential partners you have identified.



Minocqua Public Library: [Badgerlink Library of the Month](#)

Congratulations Minocqua Team! the Badgerlink Team selected Minocqua as the Library of the month for September. Learn about their Library garden and pizza party. Read up on their "[Science on Tap- Minocqua](#)" collaborative program held at the Minocqua Brewing Company or the [Northwoods Book Festival](#) that crosses county and library system lines.



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