

Director's Report
WVLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 16, 2015

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The Edith Evans Community Library (Laona) Board of Trustees announced that **Felicia Albrecht** has been hired to replace retiring director **Cindy Lemerande**. Felicia's start date is June 1.

The Owen Public Library Director **Shirley Lehr** has announced her retirement. The Library's Board of Trustees is now taking applications for the position of Library Director. The application deadline is June 1, 2015.

UW-Madison School of Library and Information Science student **Anna Julson** will be interning with WVLS over the summer. Her area of interest is in youth services and her primary placements will be at Lincoln Hills and the T.B. Scott Library.

Inese Christman will be a presenter at the 2015 Wisconsin/Illinois Innovative Users Group Spring Conference at Marquette University (Milwaukee) on June 12, 2015. **Joshua Klingbeil** will be the featured speaker for an Outagamie-Waupaca Library System one-hour webinar on May 20th. The topic of the session is "Malicious Social engineering Works – Wise Up"

WVLS PROJECTS

Broadband Development

The Lincoln County project to develop better network and Internet options continues to progress through regularly scheduled, monthly meetings. Four core agencies are working together with Livermore Technologies in a public-private-partnership to perform a comprehensive assessment and plan for developing internetworking connectivity between agencies. WVLS has established a Broadband Enhancement Grants element within the Technology Budget Reserve Fund. We are working with TB Scott Library in Merrill and the Lincoln County Technology Director to form an appropriate request, approval, and disbursement process which can then be used by the other WVLS member counties to help jumpstart broadband enhancement projects.

The Clark County Broadband Consortium is a loose formation of local public and private technology leaders in Clark County along with technology advisors connected to various organizations in Clark County. WVLS and the UW Extension are currently helping organize and direct the very broad, county-wide conversation in a way that can lead to sustainable, local-leadership driven conversations in the various communities. These smaller initiatives would then remain connected, so that the whole county can work toward the common, broadband development goal.

Collaboration and Resource Sharing

WVLS and Indianhead Federated Library System (IFLS) are working in partnership to share capital infrastructure resources, which will allow each system to provide more robust services, with stronger depth of support. The platform is currently in production mode, and is under continued development to further enhance its durability and availability to other system partners. WVLS brings virtualization infrastructure and platform experience to the partnership, and IFLS brings network health/monitoring and advanced application services experience to the partnership. The short term goal is to strengthen services with the combined resources and sharing. The long

term goal is to continue adding system partners, to continue enhancing and adding services, and to reduce overall costs for services across all partners and their respective members.

WVLS, IFLS, and Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) coordinated with each other to host a three day, Northern Wisconsin Technology Days event, with sessions hosted in each system's regions. Each day had the same Keynote presenter, Melody Clark of Arrowhead Library System, who shared a wealth of knowledge on Makerspace technologies, and how even small libraries can empower their patrons to leverage various creative technologies to enrich their entertainment and learning experiences. Other sessions were also duplicated, so that librarians across all three systems had greater opportunities to learn and share by selecting the location and/or day that was easiest to fit into their busy schedules.

V-Cat Update

The V-Cat Council approved the 2015-2016 V-Cat Strategic Plan at their April 2, 2015 meeting and will review the 2016 V-Cat Budget a second time at their June 4, 2015 meeting. The Council requested that a Discovery product implementation timeline be included with the 2016 budget proposal.

Ecommerce implementation is moving along. A series of Ecommerce questions was shared with SOMBAW to determine "best practices."

The roll out of the new Z39.50/RDA cataloging process has started with the Tomahawk Public Library and the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library (Medford) being the first two "new" libraries to volunteer.

Authority control project is moving along with the processing of the second test file of 10,000 bibliographic records by the prospective vendor. The Bib Committee will meet to discuss the test results and talk with the vendor on May 28, 2015.

Inese Christman along with Virginia Roberts, Director of the Rhinelander District Library and Ellie Schwartz, Circulation Supervisor at T. B. Scott Free Library attended the 2015 Innovative User's Group (IUG) conference in Minneapolis Minnesota.

2015 ILead Grant Update

The second (of three) I-Lead Conferences in Green Lake session is scheduled for the week of June 22, 2015. The WVLS Team met recently via Google Hangout to identify and assign the categories of study that the group will investigate before this session: Inese Christman and Don Litzer will be investigating best practices for metadata (cataloging); Sue Engel is identifying what project instruction sheets will be required; Emily Pfothauer is preparing copyright information; and Todd Mountjoy is exploring the various scanning equipment that maybe needed for the project. The outcome of the June 2015 session will be a poster session about our digitization project. The WVLS Team's project "Enrich the Future, Tap into the Past" focuses on the creation of a digitization process that can be adopted by K-12 school, academic, and public libraries in the WVLS area.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0Q62SPPeSOcfj4VnhHdWR1LVRDRkVuVmxZb3IRbzFnazdGT1NYRThqczNSOEJ1RjZxcDQ&usp=sharing> is a very long link that points to a Google Drive folder which contains a set of slides and presentation materials which were shown during the **Northern Wisconsin Technology Days** event a few weeks ago. Please be aware - there are some different slides for the different days, as some of the sessions had different presenters.

Jamie Matczak, Continuing Education Coordinator at the Nicolet Federated Library System (Green Bay) is again putting together web-based programs for **Wisconsin Trustee Training Week**. Slated for August 17-21, each day will feature a 1-hour webinar on a topic of interest to trustees. WVLS plans to co-sponsor this event.

ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATION

Joint Finance Committee (FC) public hearings were held in late March/early April in Brillion, Milwaukee, Rice Lake (the closest one to WVLS area) and Reedsburg. Kris Adams Wendt attended the hearing in Rice Lake on March 23rd representing WVLS and WLA. She presented written testimony ([Exhibit 11-a](#)) in support of priority library budget items together with Heather Johnson from the River Falls Public Library (IFLS) who is another WLA legislative committee member. WVLS and IFLS each have two legislators from member counties sitting on JFC.

The committee is currently engaged in executive sessions, going over each agency budget in turn to amend and pass the budget bill on to the legislature. Legislators have been asked to sustain and maintain current funding for the state library aid items supported by the Governor throughout the budget process. The DPI and UW budgets will be among the last to be considered due to their complexity. So far, the budget request for the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) has remained intact. BCPL administers the Common School Fund, the only source of funding for most school libraries and State Trust Fund Loan Program which invests in community capital projects including public libraries. A copy of the April 2015 letter WLA President John Pollitz sent to the JFC in support of the Common School Fund is attached ([Exhibit 11-b](#)).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

The three-county Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (MWFLS) will be dissolving by year end. Jefferson County recently announced that it will be joining the one-county Waukesha Federated Library System. What direction the two remaining counties – Dodge and Washington – will take, is still unknown.

DLT has created a new website for the System Redesign Process (http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld_system-redesign)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16 – WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – WVLS office
- May 20 – “Malicious Social Engineering Works – Wise Up!” webinar – sponsored by the Outagamie-Waupaca Library System – 1:00 p.m.
- May 21 – WVLS Listening Session – Neillsville Public Library – 10:00 a.m.
- May 25 – Memorial Day – WVLS office closed.
- June 4 – WVLS V-Cat Council meeting – MCPL – 9:30 a.m.
- June 8 – WiLS Peer Council meeting – Madison.
- June 12 – 2015 Wisconsin/Illinois Innovative Users Group Spring Conference - Marquette University, Milwaukee
- June 22-25 – I LEAD USA – Wisconsin Session – Green Lake

- June 25-30 – American Library Association Conference – San Francisco, CA
- July 3 – Independence Day observed – WVLS office closed.
- July 16 – WVLS Listening Session – Rhinelander District Library – 10:00 a.m.
- July 21-22 – WiLSWorld - Madison
- August 6 – V-Cat Council meeting – MCPL – 9:30 a.m.
- August 7 – SRLAAW meeting – MCPL – 10:00 a.m.
- August 13 – WVLS Library Advisory Committee meeting – WVLS – 9:30 a.m.
- August 15 – WVLS Board of Trustees meeting – WVLS – 9:30 a.m.
- August 17-21 – Wisconsin Trustee Training Week
- August 20 – Camp Tech-a-Talka – Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

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