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A Newsletter for library professionals in west-central Wisconsin.

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1. IFLS News

Best wishes to **Kathy Voss**, Director at the **Bruce Area Library** who plans to retire at the end of the month! **Diane Weber** has been hired to replace Kathy. Welcome Diane!

IFLS welcomes a new staff member, **Rebecca Kilde**, as the PR and Communications Consultant. Rebecca will begin working August 21st.



Nancy Miller, Director of the **River Falls Public Library** shared this picture of her grandson Leonard who is already a reader at 4 months old! (Book: Good Night Owl.)

Speaking of grandsons, **IFLS** Business Manager **Juli Button**, welcomes another grandson named Jack to the family.

2. On the Road with John

Not only was I on the road last month, so was the IFLS Board. Every July the Board holds their meeting at one of our libraries. We try to visit a different county each year and not the same library if possible. This rotation means they visit a county once every 10 years. Board members enjoy seeing and hearing about what is going on in the libraries. They receive a tour of the library and hear an update from an advisory committee member about the things going on at libraries in the system.

If you have an event or program of interest, remember to invite IFLS Board members from your County to attend, or share your news about the library. The listing of board members can be found at <https://iflsweb.org/board/members>.



3. Community Engagement – Pepin Reminisce Project

Last winter and spring, Pepin Public Library was one of the libraries taking part in the Community Engagement project through IFLS, attending workshops and working on a project. They tackled a project to collect the stories of older folks in Pepin, have them illustrated by students and other community artists, and publish them in a book. Christy, the library director, invited people in town she knew would have interesting stories for an afternoon of storytelling. Everything from a young pickle thief who stole a pickle from the pickle factory to collecting shells for the nearby button factory to the time a World War II bomber crashed into Lake Pepin. And what about when the old nursing homes (Victorian style houses) transitioned to the existing one? Or, how did ice harvesting really work?



Several students and other community members attended this program of storytelling, and it was captured on video, as well. The library hosted an interviewing workshop for people interested in collecting oral histories, and another one about illustration. Students and community members worked together to pull together stories and images. Now all the artwork and stories have been submitted and will soon return in the form of a book, which will be added to the collection, donated to local museums, and distributed to all the contributors.

Cole Johnson, age 15. The above picture accompanies the story of the young pickle thief who in order to escape capture by the manager of the local pickle factory runs down the railroad tracks and eventually throws his stolen pickle over his shoulder, striking the pursuer in the face and stopping him from continuing the chase.

As a result of the project, a woman in her 80s donated a journal written her father. This is a photo of the painting that was done the journalist. His daughter, now in her 80s, was interviewed about attending a one room school, Big Hill School, and she shared this painting with us, too.



Leah Langby, Library Development and Youth Services Coordinator

4. Library Happenings



Baldwin Public Library is visually marking children's reading this summer by having them weekly build pieces onto their houses on a colorful bulletin board titled:

"We are Building a Better Community by Reading!"

Durand Community Library holds an Adult Paint & Sip Party Celebration.

Five people came out to Cell Block Bar back room to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Durand Community Library. The theme of the painting: Just Beachy. Everyone was a newcomer to the painting class except for the host – Ms. Patti Blount.

Special thanks to Kayleen Jakes and Brushstrokes Party for teaching the class.



Osceola Public Library adopts python

Mr. Licky, a ball python, is now a resident of the Osceola Public Library.

A summer vacation guest at the Osceola Public Library is now a permanent resident. Mr. Licky, a ball python, spends a good part of each day resting in an aquarium atop the children's nonfiction bookshelf. Fittingly, he's near the library's reptile section.

The snake arrived at the library in June for what everyone thought would be a short stay. His owner, Jeremiah Maki, was travelling for the summer and needed someone to watch his pet. But upon his return, Maki offered to donate the snake. "He seems to be doing well here," Maki said. The library has accepted his offer.

"Mr. Licky has been a huge draw," said OPL's youth services librarian, Rebekah Palmer. "It's been really fun having him here and he's an easy going snake."

(Osceola Sun, August 5, 2017)

5. Patron Career Development with LearningExpress Library



LearningExpress Library (LEL) is an EBSCO resource provided by **BadgerLink** to all Wisconsin residents. LEL includes 7 different centers, providing different types of content to different user groups, including the Adult Learning Center, Career Center, College Center, College Preparation Center, High School Equivalency Center, Recursos para Hispanohablantes (Resources for Spanish Speakers), and School Center.

The Career Center is particularly useful for libraries to promote patron career development, and it includes information, ebooks, tests, and tutorials on over 20 career fields and occupational exams, including the following:

- Allied Health
- Air Traffic Control
- Commercial Driving
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Emergency Medical Services
- Firefighting
- Homeland Security
- Law Enforcement
- Postal Work
- Nursing
- Real Estate
- Plumbing
- Teaching
- Military/ASVAB

In addition to information about specific careers, LEL provides information on building job search and workplace skills, and preparation resources for the TOEIC and WorkKeys Assessments.

Learn more about how to use LearningExpress Library on the [BadgerLink Training page](#), and feel free to [contact the BadgerLink team](#) with any questions. LearningExpress Library and other BadgerLink resources are provided by the [Department of Public Instruction](#) and paid for with state funding and federal funding from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#).

Written by Gail Murray, Resources for Libraries & Lifelong Learning
For questions about this information, contact [Gail Murray](#)

WI Libraries for Everyone, July 30, 2017

6. Focus on Collection Development: Romance



August is a great month to highlight the romance genre in our focus on collection development for a variety of reasons. The Romance Writers of America RITA awards are announced at the end of July. It's Read a Romance Month (started by a Wisconsin writer & romance advocate). Beach reads are still needed. Plus it's almost time for BookList's annual romance spotlight issue which is published each September.

As you select for the different genres, it is a good idea to be aware of award winning titles. For the romance genre, the RITA awards are presented by the Romance Writers of America (judges are published romance authors); and the RT Reviewers Choice awards are presented by the RT Book Reviews magazine. The [2016 RT awards](#) were presented at their convention in May; and the [2017 RITA award winners](#) were announced on July 27 at the RWA annual conference.



A highlight of this year's RITA Awards ceremony was Beverly Jenkins, former librarian and the winner of the 2017 Nora Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award. Watch her inspiring acceptance speech on the [livestream of the event](#) recording (jump to 1:04:30).

At the [Read A Romance website](#), you can read why authors and readers love their genre; and possibly discover new authors and titles to purchase for your romance readers.

Beverly Jenkins

The [NoveList Idea Center](#) as well as the NoveList Plus database are great places to familiarize yourself with the wide variety of romance. In the database, you can find read-a-like titles, authors, and series to recommend for a late summer beach read as well as discover ideas for selection and displays. Check out their romance lists which include Regency Rogues, Love in a Small Town, LGBTQIA Romances, and Men in Kilts.

You may also want to look at past issues of the [NoveList Book Squad e-newsletters](#) which include search codes for the database as well as printable flyers. I'd recommend the 2/16/17 issue of GenreLand: HEAs for Everyone! and 11/10/16 Diverse Reading: Love is for Every Body to help find more diverse titles.

Watch for BookList's Spotlight on Romance issue which is published each September. One feature of the spotlight is their Top Ten list (here's their [2016 list](#)).



On a final note for this focus on the genre: romance versus love story. If the hero or heroine dies at the end of the novel, it may be a love story but in my book it doesn't qualify as a romance. I want my HEA (happily ever after). I'm also happy to talk about the romance genre any time you need consulting on selection or reader's advisory.

Maureen Welch, IFLS Reference & ILL Coordinator

7. Wisconsin's Digital Library Update

[Wisconsin's Digital Library](#) (WDL) is a shared, state-wide collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming video available for free to all Wisconsin Library card holders. Currently, the WDL collection of digital materials is powered by OverDrive, and the majority of patrons use the OverDrive App to access the collection. In June 2017, OverDrive announced a broader release of their updated mobile app called Libby.



The Libby app has been designed to streamline and simplify the OverDrive mobile user experience, especially for new users. Libby will be added to Wisconsin's Digital Library in August as the preferred app for new users and following that, OverDrive will begin to encourage users of the existing app to switch to Libby. There is no definitive timeline for when the OverDrive App would be discontinued; and currently, patrons can use both apps. To meet Libby go to <https://www.wplc.info/libbyintro>, and for additional info including marketing resources go to <https://resources.overdrive.com/meet-libby/#staff-training>.

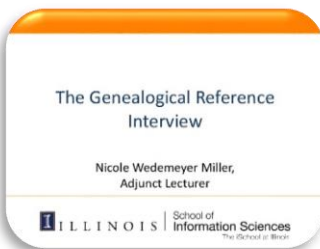
Wisconsin's Digital Library is a project of the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC), a statewide consortia of public library systems and their member libraries. Direction for the library is provided by the [WPLC Board](#) and the [Digital Library Steering Committee](#). The content for the library is chosen by the [Selection Committee](#), and content and format decisions are informed by the [Digital Collections Work Group](#).

You can stay up-to-date by looking at the [WPLC blog](#), subscribing to the [WPLC Announcement List](#), and/or joining the Google+ WPLC OverDrive Support community.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Maureen Welch, IFLS Reference & ILL Coordinator

8. Genealogical Reference Interview



Do you have patrons asking for help as they research their family history? Confused about how to help them in their search? Nicole Wedemeyer Miller, Adjunct Lecturer at the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois did a presentation on the Genealogical Reference Interview at an ALA pre-conference which I attended. The slides from her presentation are online at <https://www.slideshare.net/NicoleMiller102/the-genealogical-reference-interview>

She did a nice overview of the different types of questions and resources that may help. If you have questions about any of the slides or resources listed, I would be happy to check my notes or find links.

Please remember to let your patrons know they have access to Ancestry Library Edition in any IFLS area library as well as access to HeritageQuest Online plus historical newspapers through BadgerLink.

Maureen Welch, IFLS Reference & ILL Coordinator

9. BadgerLink Update



Have you visited the BadgerLink website recently? The BadgerLink Team updated the layout of the homepage in early August to spotlight more of the fabulous resources available. The blaring back-to-school ads are a reminder it's a great time to play with these resources as you prepare how your library can share information about BadgerLink with your area's students and teachers.

Besides getting familiar with the resources available, you can request [bookmarks and posters](#), [download promotional materials](#), and find [plans for library programming](#) in the Get the Word Out! section of the site.

An easy way to stay up-to-date on BadgerLink news is by subscribing to the [Badger Bulletin](#). Recent emails announced the update of the BadgerLink homepage, provided info on an upcoming change to View format in Access NewspaperARCHIVE database, noted an addition of content to Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers databases, and reported a short outage on one of the databases.

Note: IFLS is hosting a [BadgerLink Training session at the Menomonie Public Library](#) on Wednesday, August 16th from 9am-12pm.

Plus, I'm happy to help if you have questions about BadgerLink and/or the databases provided through our System ([Ancestry Library Edition](#) and [Novelist Plus](#)).

Maureen Welch, IFLS Reference & ILL Coordinator

10. DPI Adds Content to the Digital Public Library of America



DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF AMERICA

More than 15,000 state government documents are now available through Recollection Wisconsin and [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA), thanks to the Wisconsin Department

of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). These collections are in active development, with new content added each month.

The [Wisconsin Digital Archives](#), maintained by DPI, includes materials from the executive and judicial branches and various boards, councils, task forces and commissions as part of the statutorily mandated Wisconsin Document Depository Program. Since 1901, Wisconsin statutes have included provisions for the distribution of government documents to libraries for preservation and public access in order to "assist state offices, members of the legislature, and other citizens who are studying the growth and development of the affairs and institutions of this state" ([1901 Wis. Laws, Chapter 168](#)). The Wisconsin Digital Archives was established in 2004 to enable state agencies to participate in the Wisconsin Document Depository Program by depositing documents in digital formats.

The [Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau Digital Collections](#), launched in 2015, contain documents by and for the Wisconsin Legislature and its service agencies: the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Council, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and the Legislative Audit Bureau. The Legislative Reference Bureau was founded in 1901 as a nonpartisan legislative service agency providing legal, research, and information services to the Wisconsin Legislature.

The LRB collections and the Wisconsin Digital Archives bring together a wealth of information about state government programs and initiatives through reports, plans, studies, statistics, newsletters, manuals and guides. The annual [State of the Tribes](#) addresses, the [Wisconsin Briefs](#) series and [Information Memorandums](#) published by the Legislative Council are all available through the LRB collections. Notable materials in the WDA collections include the DNR's [master plans](#) for state parks since the 1970s and an array of [statistics](#) about life in Wisconsin, encompassing health, natural resources, environment, transportation, crime and corrections, the economy and workforce, education and agriculture.

Direct links to the content in DPLA for both DPI and the LRB are available:

- [Legislative Reference Bureau Digital Collections](#)
- [Wisconsin Digital Archives](#)

WI Libraries for Everyone, July 26, 2017

11. Workshops and Webinars

The IFLS website Continuing Education section includes past IFLS webinar recordings, handouts from workshops, and other CE opportunities.
<https://www.iflweb.org/events>



IFLS-SPONSORED CE OPPORTUNITIES:

Trustee Training Week

A series of 1-hour webinars during the week of August 21-25 (noon-1:00pm)

- Monday: Turn Your Library Board into an Effective Team with Amy Climer
- Tuesday: Policies for Results with Bonnie McKewon
- Wednesday: Engaging your Board, Staff, and Community in Strategic Planning with Sarah Armstrong Keister and John Keister
- Thursday: Everyday Advocacy with Donna McDonald
- Friday: The Beginnings, Current Status and Next Steps of PLSR with John DeBacher, Tasha Saecker, and John Thompson

Registration is open—folks can register for anything between one and all five webinars. **Please pass this on to your library board members!** The sessions will be recorded. Many library boards watch one webinar before or after each board meeting for a few months, some libraries have a special lunch all week for board members to come and watch the sessions live, others just encourage board members to watch on their own.

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Tips for Building a Well-Rounded Collection for Youth webinar

Presented by Sue Abrahamson and Shelly Collins Fuerbringer.

Thursday, September 7, 2017 – 1:00 pm

How do you keep on top of the avalanche of materials being produced for kids and teens? How can you make sure you are finding the best materials for your collection and your community? Collection budgets are rarely as big as we want them to be, so how can you make the best use of resources? And what about the salespeople? Join Shelly Collins Fuerbringer (Eau Claire) and Sue Abrahamson (Waupaca) for a lively discussion of the tips and tools they recommend.

[Register here.](#)

Third in a 5-part Collection Development series, sponsored by IFLS, MCLS, NFLS, NWLS, OWLS, SCLS, SEWI, SWLS, WLS, WRLS, WVLS

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Teen Services Workshop and Safe Spaces Training

Location: Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center, 3456 Craig Road.

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 9:00 am

- **Safe Spaces Training, 9-11 am** with Christopher Jorgenson (Women's and LGBTQIA+ Center, UWEC): The basics on creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity/expression.
- **Teen Services Workshop, 11:15-3:30** with Heather Booth (teen librarian, author, contributor to Teen Librarian Toolbox): teen brain development, and how that impacts our interactions with teens in RA and programming contexts, with time for exchanging ideas and questions, and a focus on low-cost, low-time solutions. (Don't worry, we'll break for lunch from 12:30-1:30)

[Register here](#) by September 8.

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Facilitated Discussion: Friends Groups

Friday, September 15, 2017 – 1:00 pm

Is your Friends of the Library group friendly? Effective? Or is it losing membership or otherwise having trouble? Whether the organization at your library is healthy or needs help, this facilitated discussion will be a chance for you to share tips and ideas with your colleagues, and get advice about challenging situations.

This discussion is intended for library directors and staff members. Discussion runs from 1-3 pm.

[Register here.](#)

12. Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 21	12:00 pm - Trustee Training Week Webinar: How to Turn Your Library Board into an Effective Team
Tuesday, August 22	12:00 pm - Trustee Training Week Webinar: Policies for Results
Wednesday, August 23	12:00 pm - Trustee Training Week Webinar: Engaging Your Board, Staff, and Community in Strategic Planning
Thursday, August 24	12:00 pm - Trustee Training Week Webinar: Everyday Advocacy
Friday, August 25	12:00 pm - Trustee Training Week Webinar: The Beginnings, Current Status, and next Steps of PLSR
Friday, September 1	10:00 am - MORE Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, September 4	LABOR DAY - IFLS Closed
Thursday, September 7	1:00 pm - Webinar: Tips for Building a Well-Rounded Collection for Youth
Thursday, September 14	9:00 am - Teen Services Workshop & Safe Spaces Training
Friday, September 15	10:00 am - MORE Directors Council Meeting
	1:00 pm - Facilitated Discussion: Friends Groups

For more calendar information visit <http://www.ifls.lib.wi.us>