



Trustee Update

Library News You Can Use

Scheduled Aug. 18-21, 2014

Webinars available for 'Trustee Training Week'

Trustees fill many vital roles for public libraries, and a series of webinars during the week of Aug. 18-21 are designed to give trustees tools that will make their jobs easier.

Sponsored by the Nicolet Federated Library System, the event is called "Wisconsin Trustee Training Week" and will feature four webinars (at noon Monday-Thursday) with different topics and speakers.

Below is a brief description of each webinar:

- ✓ **Assessing Library Facility Needs in the 21st Century** (Aug. 18), with presenter Sarah Houghton, director of the San Rafael Public Library in San Rafael, CA—How do you plan for a new 21st Century library facility? How do you reconfigure an existing facility to meet 21st Century needs? What kinds of spaces do we need to plan for our communities, and what kinds of priorities do we set to maintain and improve our spaces? This session will provide an overview of the issues facing old and new libraries and techniques and tools for tackling both.
- ✓ **The Role of Social Media in Library Advocacy** (Aug. 19), with presenter Andy Woodworth, a supervising librarian at the Burlington County Library System in West Hampton, NJ—Facebook, Twitter, and other social media have given people the power to engage their communities like never before. Join librarian Andy Woodworth as he shows how trustees, boards, and friends groups can use these websites to create change. He will provide examples of library advocacy in social media as well as provide a basic primer for those who want to utilize these services.
- ✓ **The Biggest, Baddest Issues Facing Public Libraries** (Aug. 20) with presenter Carolyn Brewer, an academic advisor for Tarrant County College—Libraries are dealing with a lot. Budget cuts, misperceptions, circulation decreasing, staff burn out, keeping staff well trained, ad-

vocacy, you name it. Services are increasing and funding is decreasing. Carolyn will discuss the Top 10 issues facing public libraries and how trustees can help keep libraries vibrant and relevant in the 21st Century.

- ✓ **Building the Future By Building Your Staff** (Aug. 21), with presenter Andromedia Yelton, a self-employed librarian and software developer—Librarians who can write code are doing great things for their libraries: increasing efficiency, improving service, offering innovative programming. However, libraries don't always support their staff in learning these skills. In this presentation, you'll hear concrete examples of how librarians are using their software skills to build better futures, and what trustees and libraries can do to help.



To register for any or all of the webinars, visit <http://nicbits.blogspot.com/p/wisconsin-trustee-training-week.html>. Webinars will be recorded for future viewing. ❖

Adjacent county reimbursement requests filed in May

For the second consecutive year, SCLS is filing adjacent county reimbursement requests for interested member libraries. This year SCLS submitted the reimbursement requests from 38 member libraries by May 27.

In all, these requests totaled nearly \$612,000 for services provided to residents in adjacent counties who do not live in communities with a public library. The reimbursement requests are for library services provided in 2013, and they must be filed by July 1, 2014. Counties must issue payments to libraries in adjacent counties by March 1, 2015.

Questions about the adjacent county reimbursement requirements and process should contact Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator. ❖

Act 157 amends county library payments to consolidated counties

In late March, Gov. Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 288, relating to municipal and consolidated library funding. When signed by the Governor, the bill became 2013 Act 157 and basically changed one provision in the law as it relates to payment for library services provided to resident in an adjacent county.

Under the previous law, a public library that served residents of a consolidated county library system (a county-wide library) could not request reimbursement from that county. However, a consolidated county library could bill other counties for services to their residents. Act 157 continues the ban on billing consolidated county libraries, unless that county library bills an adjacent county. In that case, every library in

that adjacent county could bill the consolidated county for services to its residents.

The change to Wisconsin Stats. 43.12, "County payment for library services," resulted from an amendment to the original bill proposed by 56th Assembly District Representative Dave Murphy to address regional issues. It was amended after the library community raised concerns. A committee appointed by WLA President Krista Ross developed recommendations to address those concerns and submitted them to Rep. Murphy's office for consideration.

The important point is that nothing changes under Act 157 unless a consolidated county library decides to bill an adjacent county. Trustees with questions about this change in Wisconsin Statutes can contact Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator.

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For more information about Wisconsin library law, trustee responsibilities, or library administration, or if you have questions about library advocacy, marketing, or printing *Trustee Essentials*, please contact Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator, at (608) 246-5612 or mibach@scls.info. ❖

Video streaming added to OverDrive resources

eBooks and audio books available through Wisconsin's Digital Library (<http://dbooks.wplc.info>) are gaining in popularity, and now video streaming has been added to the resource.

Ask your library director for more information about this new option for viewing video content online. ❖

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