



# Trustee Update

## Library News You Can Use

Aug. 21-25, 2017

### Save the date for ‘Trustee Training Week’

Save the date! Wisconsin Trustee Training Week will be held Aug. 21-25, 2017. There will be one webinar each day from noon-1 p.m. on a topic that’s relevant to public library boards, friends, and trustees.

While the schedule is still being finalized, here are a couple webinars that are confirmed:

- ✓ Tuesday, Aug. 22, will feature Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa talking about Policies for Results.
- ✓ Wednesday, Aug. 23, will feature John Keister and Sarah Armstrong, Consultants from Illinois (topic to be finalized).
- ✓ Friday, Aug. 25, will be an update on the Public



Library System Redesign project.

Visit <http://www.wistrusteetraining.com/> for updates and more information. Registration will be open in early May.

The above URL will also give you access to recordings from the 2016 webinars.

Trustee Training Week is sponsored by the South Central Library System, with financial support from other Wisconsin Public Library Systems, plus the Division for Libraries and Technology and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Recordings of SCLS Continuing Education webinars are available on the SCLS website at <http://scls.typepad.com/programs/>. ❖

### Remember to use ‘Short Takes for Trustees’

Last year the South Central Library System (SCLS) subscribed to the online video resource called “Short Takes for Trustees.”

This resource is produced by United for Libraries, which is the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations of the American Library Association.

“Short Takes for Trustees” is a series of 10 short videos (8-10 minutes each)



#### Short Takes for Trustees

that can be shown during trustee meetings to stimulate discussion

about the important role that trustees play in the governance of their libraries.

Topics for videos are: What it Means to be a Trustee, Board Meetings, Board Ethics, Library Advocacy, Library Policies, Strategic Planning, Working with Friends, Evaluating the Library Director, Board Self Evaluation, and Succession Planning and New Board Orientation.

Library directors already have the required login information,

so trustees interested in watching videos on their own should contact their director.

To access this new video training resource, visit the SCLS website at [www.scls.info/shorttakes/](http://www.scls.info/shorttakes/). ❖

#### Public Library System Redesign Project

The Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Project is a community-based project to consider how to best provide public library system services in Wisconsin.

Building on the work of many, its goal is to develop a plan for implementation of new models of service.



The process, led by the Steering Committee and managed by WiLS, includes seven workgroups to consider new models for services. The outcome of the process will be recommendations for new models of service and how to implement these new models.

More information is available at [www.plsr.info](http://www.plsr.info). ❖

# Nominate your library for 2017 SCLS Foundation awards

To help celebrate the innovative and important work public libraries do every day, the South Central Library System (SCLS) Foundation will again present three library awards as part of the 2017 Cornerstone Award fundraising reception. The date and location of the reception has not yet been determined. The 2016 event raised about \$12,000.

Library staff members, trustees, friends, or residents can nominate their library for any of the awards, which are described below. To make an online nomination, visit [www.scls-foundation.org/cornerstone/awards.html](http://www.scls-foundation.org/cornerstone/awards.html). All nominations

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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](mailto:mibach@scls.info). ❖

must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2017. Award descriptions are below.

- ✓ **Super Awesome Library Award**—For the library that was overall awesome in 2017. Maybe they handled a tough situation with grace. Or took a new approach. Or found a lot of money under a rock and did something really cool with it. Or got a lot of local support and kudos because they play well with others. Or are just plain super awesome every day.
- ✓ **Program Wizard Award**—For a super creative, innovative and fun library program created by library staff. In the library or out. For babies or seniors or anyone in between. A one-off or a regular series. If Dumbledore thinks it's worthy of Wizard status, nominate it!
- ✓ **Giddy Up Partner Award**—For those strong community partnerships that add value to the library and the community as a whole. It takes two, baby! Or three... or four. Nominate the library and its partner(s) and describe the amazing stuff they're doing together.

More information about the SCLS Foundation and the Cornerstone Award is available at [www.sclsfoundation.org](http://www.sclsfoundation.org). ❖

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