

## Trustee Resources for COLAND

The Library Services Team of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) publishes and maintains Trustee Essentials: A Handbook for Wisconsin Public Library Trustees.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/pld/boards-directors/trustee-essentials-handbook> This manual covers all the basics of serving as a trustee including information on who runs the library to hiring and evaluating the library director to dealing with challenges to library materials or policies.

Trustee Training Week (<https://www.wistrusteetraining.com/>) takes place every August and is a series of 5 webinars focusing on topics specific to public library trustees. Topics from 2020 included a discussion of the Wisconsin Library Ecosystem, Transition & Succession Planning, Social Justice Ally-ship, Library Ethics 101, and Trustee Leadership. One of the benefits of the webinar series is that there is a great archive of past webinars. Library directors and trustees can revisit any of the webinars in the archive anytime.

This year's Trustee Training Week is scheduled for August 22 - 26. Webinars will be held from noon - 1 p.m. each day that week. Planning is underway for the topics and speakers for this year. Intellectual Freedom and dealing with challenges to library materials will be a focus of at least one of the webinars. South Central Library System (SCLS) coordinates this annual event. Funding for Trustee Training Week comes mainly from the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) funds through DPI. In the past, all 16 Wisconsin library systems have co-sponsored Trustee Training Week.

United for Libraries (<https://www.ala.org/united/>), a Division of the American Library Association, is the association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations. One of the many resources they have available is called Short Takes for Trustees which is a series of 8-10 minute videos covering many of the basics of being a library trustee. SCLS subscribed to this in the past and found it very helpful. In addition to Short Takes, United for Libraries also provides live and recorded webinars, a Trustee Academy, Toolkits, and Newsletters. All Wisconsin library trustees, directors, and staff will soon have access to all of these resources as DPI is working on a contract with United for Libraries.

All library systems provide on-demand training and consultation to their member libraries and trustees in a variety of ways. Upon request, system staff attend member library board meetings to answer questions or conduct short training sessions.