



NFLS News

Bi-Monthly Updates for the Board of Trustees for Nicolet Federated Library System

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Welcome to the first edition of the NFLS News!

Register for Trustee Training Week

Registration is open for Trustee Training Week 2020, August 24 - 28. Webinars will be held each day from 12:00 noon - 1 p.m. Session titles are:

- *Core Values of Librarianship*: August 24
- *Recruiting and Engaging Friends and Trustees Under Age 40*: August 25
- *Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Implementation Update*: August 26
- *Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: What Library Trustees Need to Know*:- August 27
- *Walk the Line: How Trustees Can Best Lead Their Libraries Without Overstepping Their Authority*: August 28



Register for one or all of the webinars online at <https://www.wistrusteetraining.com/>. If you're not able to attend live, the webinars will be recorded for later viewing.



WLA Annual Conference Cancelled

After much consideration, the WLA Board made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 annual conference. A workgroup is being created to explore alternative ways to provide professional development opportunities to members yet this year. It is WLA's hope to bring back the same speakers and sponsorships to Green Bay in October 2021. We'll keep you posted as the details are firmed up.



NFLS Libraries Offering Curbside Pickup

On April 16, 2020, Governor Evers stated that at 8 a.m. on April 24 public libraries may provide curbside pick-up of books and other library materials. For information on when the service will be offered at your library and for making arrangements for pickup, please contact your library. You can also visit <https://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/curbside.html> and click the library name to access the library websites for more information.



Marinette's Stephenson Library

While libraries everywhere were closing their doors due to the pandemic, Stephenson Public Library in Marinette opened its doors for the same reason. While the doors weren't open to the public, they were open to the Marinette's Public Health department, which found itself answering many phone call requests for information on the pandemic. The health department also needed to make multiple calls to facilitate contact tracing - all without the space or equipment to do so. Marinette library director, Jen Thiele, immediately sprang into action and, with the help of John at NFLS, was able to offer computers, phones, and socially-distanced space at the Stephenson Public Library. Two of the library's employees volunteered to work for the health department as well (and one is still there full-time). It's what libraries do best after all - meet the needs of their communities!



Kewaunee Library's Victory Garden Provides Vegetables and Herbs for Community

The garden began as a children's garden. Then it received a grant from the Kewaunee County Farm Technology Days in 2019 to enhance the children's garden and provide agricultural programming. Even though programming was not possible this year, the library planted the gardens with the hope of providing produce to any patron who needs it. The library also purchased two raised planter boxes with the grant funds, adding to the three built for the library by the local high school. The library also has a healthy plot of milkweed for monarchs and its board president bought a praying mantis to hatch in the garden.

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