



NFLS News

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

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LSTA Connectivity Grant

Grant funds are being used to create four Homework Hotspot Labs, which libraries in the NFLS and OWLS systems can borrow. The Labs are intended to provide an opportunity to access the internet specifically for communities with limited connectivity. Students and families will be able to check out hotspots and devices so they can access schoolwork and connect with teachers and classmates. NFLS has received all of the equipment and we are currently assembling the kits. We will provide further information on how to borrow a Lab in the coming weeks.



Shawano County Library to Offer Radio Programs

The Shawano County Library has recently purchased an FM radio transmitter headset, and plans on using it to broadcast remote (drive-in) programs to patrons. The process is quite simple: (1) Library staff selects an un-used FM radio station on the headset, (2) Patrons arrive to a designated parking lot/area or park, then tune their radio to the same station as the staff, (3) The staff member talks through the headset, which is heard inside the car via the radio.

The library is tentatively working on future programs such as drive-in storytimes, BINGO, and The Amazing Library Race (kind of like the TV show). The headset will only broadcast on a shorter-range (30 meters) so the presenter's voice would not be heard over the full radio waves and would only be heard by patrons that know what station to tune into.



Oconto Falls Library Partners with FFA in Dairy Product Giveaway

The Oconto Falls Library partnered with the Oconto Falls FFA in a dairy product giveaway. The giveaway started with local businesses raising money to purchase surplus dairy products from local cheese and milk factories. On June 24, starting at 4:00 pm, the library had cars lined up to drive through the parking lot and receive a free bag of assorted dairy products. Volunteers distributed 200 bags of assorted dairy products before running out of bags.



Menominee Public Library Awarded Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant

Congratulations to the College of Menominee Nation Library on their recent receipt of the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant! With this grant, the "Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin will create and self-publish a series of books to encourage fluency in and preserve the Menominee language." Learn more at

<https://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/blog/menominee-public-library-awarded-native-american-library-services-enhancement-grant>.

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