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DIRECTOR'S MEMO

It's February, and our Governor says that we should 'Love our Libraries.' I don't know if he is aware of the Urban Institute's study (next article) but someone should tell him, doncha think?

LIBRARIES ARE KEY TO BUILDING LOCAL ECONOMIC BASE

Public libraries build a community's capacity for economic activity and resiliency, says a new study from the Urban Institute. "Making Cities Stronger: Public Library Contributions to Local Economic Development" adds to the body of research pointing to a shift in the role of public libraries - from a passive, recreational reading, and research institution to an active economic development agent, addressing such pressing urban issues as literacy, workforce training, small business vitality and community quality of life. The study was commissioned by the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. To read the full press release and the report, visit <http://www.urbanlibraries.org/jan1006makingcitiesstronger.html>.

NEED A REASON TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR LIBRARIAN?

Librarians perform a political role: When officials start banning books and looking over people's shoulders to see what they're reading, librarians raise hell. They always do this. It is their job to defend the freedom to read and it is a job that will never be put out of business by a machine. (from the editorial "Today's Libraries: Cauldrons of Ideas" in the 1/19/07 edition of the *Seattle Times*)

HOW ABOUT REASONS TO LOVE YOUR LIBRARY SYSTEM?

- It helps libraries think about and be ready for the future their patrons will need and demand
- It promotes relevant standards and helps libraries to reach or exceed them
- It models and promotes cooperation between all types of libraries thereby making the best use of the tax dollars appropriated for library service
- It forges partnerships and organizes cooperative projects that enable members to do things that would be impossible on a smaller scale
- It facilitates resource sharing through libraries of all types and in nursing homes and apartments for the elderly
- It facilitates the delivery of materials between members. It also operates a shared automated system...provides access to the Internet, produces a monthly newsletter, and provides access to online databases
- It provides consultant services and continuing education opportunities
- It monitors and tries to influence library-related legislation on the local, state, and national levels

After focusing on a list like that, how could you NOT love your library system?

Barbara Kingsolver said, "I'm of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved."

Timothy Healy, former president of the New York Public Library said, "The most important asset of any library goes home at night -- the library staff."

Why do you love your library? Think about that question often. Libraries (and the library systems that serve them) need all the love they can get.

-- Heather Eldred

IN THE SYSTEM

WVLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN 2007

Appointed by the county boards of supervisors, the 15-member WVLS Board of Trustees is responsible for all policy decisions for WVLS. The number of representatives from each county on the board is based on county populations, and usually appointees serve 3-year terms. WVLS trustees meet six times annually – in January, March, May, July, September and November. At their January meeting, the board elects its 7-member Executive Committee, which also meets six times a year – February, April, June, August, October and December. All meetings are open to the public and most are held at Marathon County Public Library. Following is the 2007 WVLS Board of Trustees roster:

WVLS Executive Committee

- PRESIDENT: Alice Sturzl, Forest County (*term expires 12/2007*)
- VICE PRESIDENT: Donna Walbeck, Taylor County (*term expires 12/2008*)
- TREASURER: Michael Otten, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2009*)
- MEMBER: Jim Backus, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2007*)
- MEMBER: Peg Jopek, Langlade County (*term expires 12/2009*)
- MEMBER: Vicki Reuling, Oneida County (*term expires 12/2007*)
- MEMBER: Dorothy Scott, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2007*)

Other Members of the WVLS Board

- Gladys Olsen, Clark County (*term expires 12/2008*)
- Louise Olszewski, Clark County (*term expires 12/2009*)
- Chris Uhlig, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2009*)
- Norma Wehlitz, Lincoln County (*term expires 12/2007*)
- Jan Baer, Oneida County (*term expires 12/2008*)
- Don Christianson, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2008*)
- Sandi Cihlar, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2009*)
- Douglas Lay, Marathon County (*term expires 12/2008*)

WVLS Staff Update -

NEW CONTACT FOR LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATION

As of early January, Ellen Buchberger has been assigned the responsibility of validating continuing education activities for WVLS librarians. If you are a WVLS library director who is required to maintain certification, please direct continuing education activity reports and annual summation of continuing education activity sheets to Ellen at the WVLS office. If you need a copy of the *Certification Manual*, or have any questions, please direct them via email to Ellen at ebuchber@wvls.lib.wi.us or by phone at (715)261-7255. – Ellen Buchberger

DOWNLOADABLE VIDEOS COMING TO WVLS!

The OverDrive selection committee of the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) has purchased approximately 200 video titles as a way of testing the waters with downloadable video. Most of these titles are educational, short films, children's videos (12 from Weston Woods!), etc. There are a few feature films, but nothing popular or well known.

Early February has been mentioned as a time to make them available, but implementation is still under discussion so this may change. WVLS will keep you posted via *The Lamplighter* and the WVLS listservs as we receive updates from WPLC about this new service.

As with OverDrive e-audiobooks, this e-video collection is intended to be used by patrons at home. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about downloadable video, please contact Marla Sepnafski at the WVLS office at msepnafs@wvls.lib.wi.us or (715)261-7252.

(edited from 1/12/07 OWLSweb post; <http://www.owlsweb.info/>)



IT'S A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT MCPL!

This year marks a milestone in the history of public libraries in Marathon County. One hundred years ago, in April 1907, Wausau unveiled its brand-new public library. Funded in part by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the Wausau Free Public Library was the first purpose-built library in the city. The Marathon County Public Library plans to mark those historic 100 years of service with special celebrations, programs and competitions.

In 2007, the Library is not only celebrating the Wausau location's 100th birthday, but library service across the county. On April 15th, there will be a special 100th Birthday Celebration at the Wausau Library with music, refreshments, special displays and treats for the kids.

Each month, in turn, a different branch library will be highlighted, emphasizing the importance of libraries to life in Marathon County.

Throughout the year there will be special displays and programs at the Wausau Library on the library's past, present and future. Additionally the Library is sponsoring "Why I Love My Library" artwork and essay competitions for kids from Kindergarten to 12th grade countywide. Commemorative t-shirts, postcards and other items will be available for sale as well.

Congratulations, MCPL!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mark Your Calendars!

20th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FEST

Northern Wisconsin librarians, teachers, parents, reading specialists and members of the general public who are interested in learning about the best books for young people are invited to attend Children's Book Fest 2007, a two-day conference held at the Rhinelander Holiday Inn (Rhinelander, WI) on March 6 and 7.

Two of the country's top children's literature specialists from the nationally acclaimed Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) in Madison, Wisconsin, will discuss books for children and young adults at an evening presentation on Tuesday, March 6, as well as at a day presentation on Wednesday, March 7. Both sessions will include a CCBC exhibit of the best books from the year 2006 for young readers.

Registration information for Children's Book Fest is on the WVLS web site at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>. **All registrations must be received no later than March 2.** Children's Book Fest participants will receive a free copy of the 100-page booklet *CCBC CHOICES*, an annual recommended best books list, as part of their registration package. The **registration fee of \$6** also covers the cost of refreshments and a CCBC honorarium. Plans include an opportunity on both March 6 and 7 for individuals to purchase award-winning books highlighted by the speakers through an independent arrangement with Brown Street Books of Rhinelander.

This is the twentieth year that Headwaters Reading Council, the School District of Rhinelander, and the Rhinelander District Library have invited the CCBC staff to bring the newest and best books for young people to Northern Wisconsin. Local supporters of Children's Book Fest include Brown Street Books, M&I Bank, Ripco Credit Union, and Wisconsin Public Service. Additional assistance is received from the Indianhead Federated Library System, Northern Waters Library Service and Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

Telephone inquiries for the Wednesday presentation may be made to the Rhinelander District Library (phone number and email below). More information about the Tuesday presentation is available from Headwaters Reading Council members Joan Belongia Mode (715/362-5111) or Michelle Flohr (715/453-1166).

–Kris Adams Wendt, Director; Rhinelander District Library; 106 N. Stevens St.; Rhinelander, WI 54501; kwendt@wvls.lib.wi.us; 715/365-1070



Get a Clue! @ the WVLS SLP Workshop

Wednesday, March 7, 2007; 1:30- 4:00 P.M.
Holiday Inn Express; 668 W. Kemp-Hwy 8 West
Rhinelander, WI

Get all the evidence a super sleuth could need for planning a fantastic 2007 Summer Library Program. Join **Patti Sinclair**, editor of the Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual, as she shares tips for mystery programs, decorations, promotions and crafts.

This workshop will follow the **Children's Book Fest**. Come early (browsing through the CCBC book exhibit begins at 8:30 a.m.) and stay later for the WVLS SLP Workshop from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Please follow this link to print out the **registration** form for **Children's Book Fest**:
<http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>

Please **R.S.V. P.** for the WVLS SLP Workshop by **Friday, March 2, 2007** to Beth Sillars, sillars@wvls.lib.wi.us or 715-261-7255. **If you have questions or need special accommodations, contact Beth.**

GREENER PASTURES: THE WISCONSIN RURAL LIBRARY SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

With funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning (DLTCL) has joined with OCLC's WebJunction to offer a day-long workshop *Greener Pastures: The Wisconsin Rural Library Sustainability Project* to directors of libraries serving rural areas or with service populations under 25,000. The primary goal of the project is to support the efforts of rural and small libraries in developing and implementing community-specific action plans for sustaining public access computing.

The "Greener Pastures" workshop will be offered at ten sites throughout Wisconsin between February and May, 2007. Workshops are scheduled for the following locations and dates: Madison, 2/22; Waterford, 2/27; DePere, 3/7; **Rice Lake, 3/13**; Fond du Lac, 4/3; Fennimore, 4/12; **Mercer, 4/18**; **Wausau, 4/19**; Sparta, 4/26; and **Eau Claire, 5/2** (as a WAPL pre-conference). Invitations will be sent to library directors six to eight weeks before the workshop in their region, but if a workshop at another site is preferable, requests will be accommodated when possible.

For more information, visit the DTLCL's web site at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/pld/rural.html> or contact John DeBacher at john.debacher@dpi.state.wi.us.

YOUTH MATTERS

For Your Summer Library Program -

"GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY" RESOURCES

Over the past several weeks a number of resources have been added to the California Library Association's web site that may inspire those of you who are planning programs this summer with the "Get a Clue @ Your Library" theme. Included are:

- *Nancy Drew: Movie Trailer – bookmarks – resources*;
<http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/nancydrew.html>
- *Pink Panther Movie Night Tip Sheet*;
http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/download/think_pink_2007.pdf
- *Fingerprint Font Online*;
<http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/yaresources.html>
- *Guide to Clue Hunts and Scavenger Hunts for Your Library*;
http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/download/guide_to_clue_hunts.pdf
- *Sleuthing with the Stars – 2007 SRP Game*;
http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/download/sleuthing_with_the_stars_2007.pdf
- *Happy Birthday Alfred Hitchcock Film Fest Tip Sheet*;
<http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/download/hitchcock2007.pdf>

(From Stephanie Stokes, Coordinator of the California Summer Reading Program, on the pubyac listserv)

TEN SUREFIRE READ ALOUDS FOR TEENS

In her article, "Teens Take Time to Listen When You Make Time to Read Aloud" (*VOYA*; February 2007), Alison M. G. Follos, author of *Reviving Reading: School Library Programming, Author Visits, and Books that Rock!* (Libraries Unlimited, 2006), suggests that "to get teens to love books, try reading them books that they will love." Following are her recommended ten surefire read alouds:

- *Walk Two Moons*; Sharon Creech (HarperCollins, 1994)
- *King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography*; Chris Crutcher (Greenwillow, 2003)
- *Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man*; Fannie Flagg (Warner, 1992 and Ballantine, 2005)

- *Bronx Masquerade*; Nikki Grimes (Dial, 2001)
 - *Guys Write for Guys Read: Boys' Favorite Authors Write About Being Boys*; Jon Scieszka, ed. (Viking, 2005)
 - *The Secret Life of Bees*; Sue Monk Kidd (Viking 2002)
 - *Spellbound*; Janet McDonald (Frances Foster Books/Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001)
 - *Mick Harte Was Here*; Barbara Park (Knopf, 1988)
 - *How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports*; Gary Paulsen (Wendy Lamb Books/Random Books, 2003)
 - *The Boy in the Burning House*; Tim Wynne-Jones (Farrar Straus Giroux, 2001)
- (VOYA; February 2007; http://pdfs.voya.com/VO/YA2/VOYA200702teens_take_time.pdf)

INFO TO GO

New!

TEMPORARY TATTOOS FOR LIBRARY STAFF OR BIBLIOPHILES

The folks at Seattle's Archie McPhee novelty store (who brought us the Nancy Pearl-inspired Librarian Action Figure) now offer *The Illustrated Librarian Temporary Tattoos*. This 3½" x 4½" hardcover book contains 12 nontoxic temporary tattoos ranging in size from 1½" to 3½". This book is available to anyone who wants "Read or Die," "Literate for Life," or "Born to Read" on a bicep – or anywhere else – for \$7.95 at <http://www.mcphree.com/items/11696.html>. (edited from *Library Journal*; 1/07)

2007 SPOKEN WORD GRAMMYS

The Grammy Awards are synonymous with music, but the Recording Academy also honors audiobooks and other spoken work recordings every year. This year's nominees include:

BEST SPOKEN WORD ALBUM

- Bob Newhart's *I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This!* (Hyperion Audiobooks)
- Jimmy Carter's *Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis* (Simon & Schuster Audio)
- Al Franken's *The Truth (With Jokes)* (Brilliance Audio)
- Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee's *With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together* (Hachette Audio)
- Bill Maher's *New rules: Polite Musings from a Timid Observer* (Phoenix Audio)

BEST SPOKEN WORD ALBUM FOR CHILDREN

- Jim Dale's *Peter Pan* (Listening Library)
- Lynn Redgrave's reading of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* (Harper Audio)
- *Blah Blah Blah: Stories About Clams, Swamp Monsters, Pirates & Dogs* by Bill Harley
- *Christmas in the Trenches* by John McCutcheon
- *Disney's Little Einsteins Musical Missions*

The 49th Grammy Awards will be held in Los Angeles on February 11th.
(*AudioFile*; February/March 2007)

ON COMMAND

LIBRARY GETS VLOGGY ON YOUTUBE

After MySpace, the new thing for libraries may be a presence on YouTube. The Arlington Heights Memorial Library, IL, has begun thrice-a-week video blogs (or vlogs) to inform patrons about new services and ongoing programs. Among the recent offerings: tax tips, gift suggestions for book lovers,

and an introduction to virtual reference service. Library staffers film locals to add flavor to the introductory segments. A \$30,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant is behind the vlogging (see <http://www.ahml.info/vlog/121806.asp>). (*Library Journal*, 2/1/07)

It's Free!

AREA LIBRARIES ARE USING *LIBRARY ELF*

Library Elf (<http://www.libraryelf.com/Default.aspx>) is a web-based and email tool for library customers to keep track of their library due dates, overdues and reserves. Designed with the busy or avid library user in mind, *Library Elf* is ideal for families with multiple library cards or for individuals who have cards from different libraries. It is also ideal for anyone who wants to reduce overdues or who reserves a lot of materials.

Elf acts like a personal assistant whose task it is to check a customer's account(s) and to alert the customer when any changes occur. Reminders are sent when the customer wants it – up to seven days advance notice, weekly notice or everyday reminders - via email and/or RSS alerts before items are due; email and/or RSS alerts on overdues and holds; and, cell phone text message alerts for reserves.

Library Elf is available to libraries using the Dynix automated system (Classic or Horizon; excluding Java-based Dynix WebPAC). Several libraries in Wisconsin are now using this service. In the WVLS area, the **Edward U. Demmer Library** (Three Lakes), and **Marathon County Public Library** are using *Library Elf*, while the **T.B. Scott Library** (Merrill) is in beta. Libraries are usually added to *Library Elf* within a day or two; however a library may be designated beta due to communication protocols that require more monitoring before becoming a full Elf participant.

For more information, testimonials and a live demo, visit the *Library Elf* web site at the address mentioned above. Based on testimonials, becoming a *Library Elf* participant may be a real bargain. Check it out!

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

RIB LAKE SEEKS DIRECTOR

The Rib Lake Public Library has an opening for the position of Director. A Wisconsin Grade III public certification is required. Starting wage is \$10.50 per hour with an average work week of 22-28 hours. Please send resume and cover letter by Friday, **March 2, 2007**, to: Tammy Everson RLPL Board President; 1136 Church Street; Rib Lake, WI 54470.

FROM HITHER & YON

MARCH 21 IS *KNITTING FOR PEACE DAY*

The clicking of needles and quiet conversation are the loudest noises to be heard in many locations on March 21, which has become *Knitting for Peace Day* throughout the United States and many other countries. On this day knitters gather to create clothing and items of warmth to give away, to teach others how to knit, to converse about the importance of peaceful activities, and of working on behalf of those who need help. Knitters will meet in churches, cafes, pubs, and perhaps, community rooms in libraries.

Libraries have responded to the renewed interest in knitting as an enjoyable hobby and useful pastime by expanding their collections to include material for new and experienced knitters, for adults, young adults, and children. Scores of libraries have facilitated learning sessions and regular meetings of knitting groups, including after school knitting clubs for kids. An event like *Knitting for Peace Day* is a wonderful way to introduce to children (and knitters) the idea of charity knitting: creating items like scarves, slippers, and blankets (for people and pets), and donating them where they are needed.

March 21, 2007 will be *Knitting for Peace Day* at the La Crosse (WI) Public Library. Knitting space will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. If you are interested in hosting a similar activity, there are resources available to help you in your planning. One is a newly published book, *Knitting for Peace: Make the World a Better Place One Stitch at a Time*, by Betty Christiansen (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2006; ISBN 1584795336). You can also find information on the web at several sites, among them <http://www.squidoo.com/knitforpeace> and <http://www.peacefleece.com> (see link to "Knitting for social change").

(By Marcia Sarnowski, in *Whirlpools*, newsletter of the Winding Rivers Library System; January/February 2007)

WEB SITES OF INTEREST (tourist traps on the information superhighway!)

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) LITERARY AWARD WINNERS

<http://www.ala.org/mw07winners>

ALA recently selected and announced the top books and video for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, King, Newbery, Printz and Theodor Seuss Geisel awards – at its Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. View the entire list of all the 2007 literary award winners at this ALA web site. Also, librarians from the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) discussed the 2007 ALA award-winning books in a presentation on January 24, 2007, sponsored by the Four Lakes Distance Education Network. The hour-long presentation has been archived and is available for viewing at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ics/stream/fliden/CCBC/2007/index.html>. (*Channel Weekly*, 2/1/07)

THE DAILY PLATE <http://thedailyplate.com>

If you really put on the feedbag this holiday season, it's time to gain control. This new site, currently in beta, claims to help users "eat smarter" by providing an easy-to-use template for creating a personal food diary. After registering on the site, which is free, search for the foods that you've consumed, from McDonald's to meatloaf, and hit the "I Ate This" button to add it to your "plate." The site calculates your daily calorie intake and provides healthy alternatives. Say you've downed a Reese's peanut butter cup, okay, two. That's 230 calories. A better choice? A Kit Kat bar is 150 fewer calories.

(*School Library Journal*, 1/07)

FEDMONEY.ORG: GUIDE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS/LOANS BENEFITING STUDENTS <http://www.fedmoney.org/>

FedMoney.org is the most comprehensive FREE full-text online resource on all U.S. government grants and student financial aid programs. Here you will find detailed and up-to-date information about (1) who can apply, (2) how to apply, (3) full contact info, and much more ... for over 130 government grants and loans (scholarships, fellowships, traineeships) related to education. (Refdesk *Site-Of-The-Day*; 12/28/06)

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WEB RESOURCES FOR CHURCH LIBRARIANS <http://churchlibraries.org/links.htm>

Find help with selecting and purchasing materials, organizing and managing a church library, promotion and fundraising, book care and archiving, and sources for librarian support and education.

(*AL Direct*; 11/15/06)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY – LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH @ your library - www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers

February 23 – Public Library Annual Reports deadline.

March 4-10 – TEEN TECH WEEK – a NEW celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there - more information about this event is included in the January issue of *The Lamplighter* or visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw.htm>.

March 7 – **CHILDREN'S BOOK FEST 2007 (20th Anniversary!)** – Holiday Inn Express, Rhinelander – 8:30 a.m.-Noon – registration deadline, March 2nd - more information is included on pgs. 3-4 of this issue of *The Lamplighter* and on the WVLS web site at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>.

March 7 – **Get a Clue! @ the WVLS SLP Workshop** – Holiday Inn Express, Rhinelander – 1:30-4:00 p.m. – for details, see article on page 4 of this issue of *The Lamplighter*, and on the WVLS web site at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Workshops/workshop.html>.

March 12-19 – Sunshine Week 2007 – theme: *Your Right to Know*. The goal of Sunshine Week is to raise awareness of the importance of open government to everyone in the community. This event is sponsored by OpenTheGovernment.org, the American Association of Law Libraries, ALA, the Special Libraries Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the League of Women Voters, and the National Freedom of Information Coalition. If you are interested in becoming involved in this mission at the local level, contact Emily Feldman at efeldman@openthegovernment.org. For more information, visit <http://www.sunshineweek.org/>.

(Edited from *American Library Association Washington Office Newslines*; 12/18/06)

March 17 – **WVLS Board of Trustees meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.

March 20 – **WISCAT Training Opportunity for Area Interlibrary Loan Staff** – Marathon County Public Library – details forthcoming.

March 21 – Knitting for Peace Day – for details, refer to article in this issue of *The Lamplighter*.

March 25-27 – WEMA Annual Conference at Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison – registration and conference details can be found at <http://www.wemaonline.org>.

April 12 – **WVLS V-Cat Council meeting** – Withee – 9:30 a.m.

April 14 – **WVLS Executive Committee meeting** – Marathon County Public Library – 9:30 a.m.

April 15-21 – NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 19 - **Greener Pastures: The Wisconsin Rural Library Sustainability Project** - Midway Hotel Conference Center, Wausau – 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – more information is available in this issue of *The Lamplighter*.

April 24 – **WVLS Library Advisory Committee meeting** – Northcentral Technical College, Wausau – 9:30 a.m.

May 2-4 – WAPL Annual Conference at The Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire.

July 14-25 – Librarians' Tour to Scotland – offered through the UW-Madison's School of Library & Information Studies – approximately \$2,389 (plus airfare), which includes accommodations, all breakfasts and nine dinners, group excursions, admissions and tickets to events, ground transportation, instructional fees and gratuities – for detailed information and itinerary, visit <http://www.slis.wisc.edu/continued/scotland/index.htm> or contact the tour leader, Jane Pearlmutter, at 608/262-6398 or jpearlmu@wisc.edu

ATTENTION: Wessler Scholarships are available to cover some/all costs associated with attendance at reference and/or interlibrary loan continuing education events. If interested in becoming a Wessler Scholar, contact the WVLS office (715/261-7250) for more information. The application form and more information are available at <http://wvls.lib.wi.us/About/wessler.htm>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***“Keep my thoughts positive – my thoughts become my words.
Keep my words positive – my words become my behaviors.
Keep my behaviors positive – my behaviors become my habits.
Keep my habits positive – my habits become my values.
Keep my values positive – my values become my destiny.”***

*-- Mahatma Gandhi
(pubyac listserv; 1/24/07)*



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