

# Connecting Wisconsin Libraries

## Agenda for February 28, 2023 (3:00PM - 4:00PM)

Link to join: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Attendees:** Kay Koepsel-Benning, Alison Loewen, Chris Baker, Ashley Kurth, Cathy Pescinski, Raquel Rand, Jen Kobylecky, Jeni Schomber, Kara Turner, Linda Jerome, Monica Treptow

Agenda and notes from [December Meeting](#)

New Topics of Discussion:

1. Updates from WLA
  - a. [SEL webinar](#) March 2nd
  - b. [Teen webinar series](#) starting in April; will showcase teen programming and teen advisory boards and volunteers
  - c. WLA organizing Performers Showcase (a virtual event)
  - d. IF Task Force has been created by the Board - this is in addition to the SIG
  
2. Updates from WEMTA
  - a. WVLS 2023 WEMTA Scholarship: 3 attendees, 2 school librarians and 1 public librarian
  - b. Battle of the Books - lists come out in June and some students like to start reading in summer. Competition is in February. Public libraries can have teams - please work in collaboration with your school district librarians. Advisory committee selects books from students, teachers, library media specialists, and other suggestions. Golden Archers are always included. Some titles are reused at elementary levels.
    - i. <https://sites.google.com/wemta.org/battle/home>
    - ii. Lists are shared as bookmarks, full lists etc that can be shared out
    - iii. If you want to hear this year's winners announcements, please join the [Virtual Networking Meeting](#) on Wednesday, March 8, at noon
  - c. Conference Recap
  
3. Updates from the DPI
  - a. Beanstack

- i. Nothing new to share... essentially we waiting for the procurement to come through - sole source authority does not go out for bid has to go through many more hoops - requires governor's signature
- ii. DPI is continuing to meet with Beanstack - our expectation is that libraries that want to use Beanstack beyond April 2023 will be able to do so
  - 1. Chris and Monica will ask for clarification from Beanstack on what happens to user accounts and "built" library programs if there ends up being an unexpected "gap" in service.

b. Workshop planning - TENTATIVE!

- i. In the past, DPI has offered a "Youth Services Institute"; 3 day intensive conference/retreat.
- ii. Right now, things are very much in the exploratory phase of what a future Youth Services workshop would look like; a "hybrid" workshop bringing together Public Youth Services Librarians & School Librarians.
- iii. Bringing in CCBC as a connecting point; social time, strategizing about partnerships and troubleshooting issues together.
  - 1. The workshop would be an excellent opportunity to **Connect Wisconsin Libraries.**
- iv. Tentative dates – end of July/beginning of August.
- v. Tentative location – central WI.
- vi. Targeted school library group would be a specific set of individuals who would benefit most from what the workshop offers.
  - 1. Would fit into requirements related to program hours, professional learning, portfolio for certification, etc.
- vii. Targeted public library group would also focus on early library YS professionals.
- viii. YSS Board and PBS WI are willing to help out

- 4. Moving Connecting Wisconsin Libraries forward based on needs of the field
  - a. Feedback from [WEMTA presentation](#) -

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at noon