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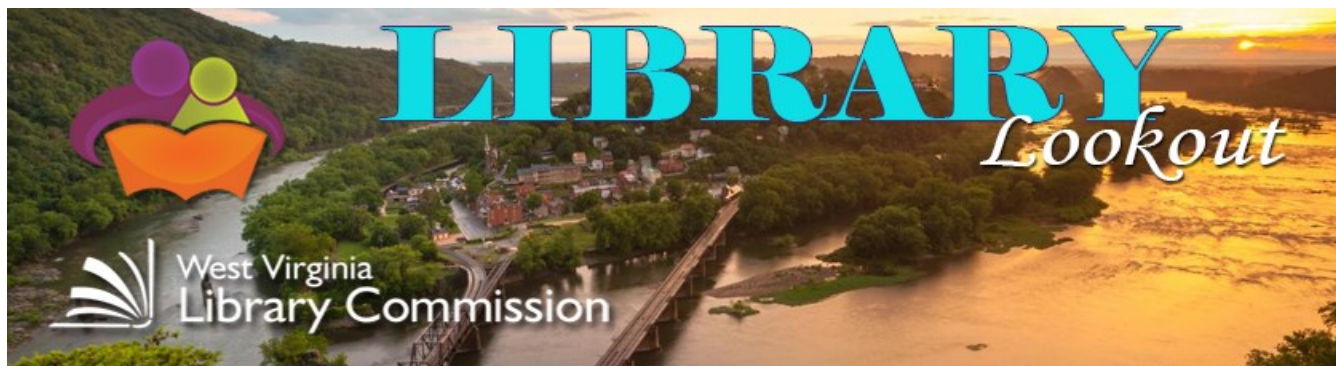
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## August 2019



On July 25, I attended an event celebrating the transition of the War Public Library from an independent library to a branch of the McDowell Public Library. Maybe transformation is a better word choice than transition. The War Public Library has faced more than its share of difficult situations; fire, theft, and lack of funding to name just a few. For years, War was at the top of the Library Commission's unofficial list of at-risk libraries. More than one WVLC Executive Secretary, more than one Library Development Director, more than one Library Commissioner has worried about War. So have Board members at McDowell and at War. So has one extraordinary Service Center Director.

More than once I thought the library could not survive. Because of courageous decisions by the Trustees of both the McDowell Public Library and the War Public Library, because of the wise counsel of Service Center Director Eva McGuire, because of extremely hard work by Trustees, community volunteers, out-of-state volunteers, and library staff from McDowell, War, and Craft Memorial in Bluefield, that didn't happen. It didn't happen because everyone involved agreed on the importance of having a library in War. It didn't happen because they refused to be defeated.

Lessons learned: be persistent; be brave; work together; seek solutions.

Congratulations and thank you to the newest public library branch in West Virginia.

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## 2019 Supplemental Grant Awards

The FY 2019 Supplemental Grants have been approved by the Governor's Office. The following libraries will be receiving Maintenance/Renovation Grants for projects:

- Cabel County Public Library
- Cheat Area Public Library
- Cowen Public Library
- Fayette County Public Library
- Gilmer Public Library
- Keyser Memorial Public Library
- Louis Bennett Public Library
- Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library
- New Haven Public Library
- Nutter Fort Public Library
- Parkersburg-Wood County Public Library
- Peterstown Public Library
- Pioneer Memorial Public Library
- Southern Area Public Library
- Swaney Memorial Public Library.

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## The 2019 Bibliostat Survey is Underway



The **2019 Bibliostat Survey** will lock on **Thursday, August 15, 2019**. After this date, contact **Heather Campbell-Shock** at [heather.s.campbell@wv.gov](mailto:heather.s.campbell@wv.gov) for instructions on any necessary changes. To qualify for the Shirley Smith Award, surveys must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, August 2nd.

The annual survey is designed to collect comparative data on public libraries for national, state, and local use. Public libraries are required to complete the survey each year.

## The ALA Offers Help for the 2020 Census

In 2020, the Census will be conducted primarily online for the first time. Like past e-government efforts, this will likely impact libraries and libraries' technology resources as staff work to assist people in participating in the Census. The 2020 Census also presents an opportunity to increase public awareness and use of Census data. To best position libraries to support our communities in the 2020 Census, ALA is engaging with the Census Bureau and other stakeholders to ensure that libraries are informed and represented in the policy discussions and planning process. ALA is advocating for a fair, accurate, and inclusive Census that recognizes the roles libraries will play in this vital civic effort.

### ALA Resources about the 2020 Census

- [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#) (20 pages)
- ["2020 Census: Key Facts for Libraries"](#) (2 pages)
- Advocacy brief for public officials and community leaders: ["Libraries and the 2020 Census: Vital Partners for a Complete Count"](#) (4 pages)
- [Subscribe to ALA's 2020 Census newsletter](#)

## The Library Commission Says Farewell to Two Members of the WVLC Family

Jennifer Johnson, Administrative Services Director, and Stan Howell, Library Relations Specialist, both left the Commission in July. Jennifer and her family moved to Columbus, Ohio where her husband began a new job with American Electric Power. She served as Administrative Services Director since 2015 and had also worked for the Commission from 2006 to 2012. Stan left the WVLC for the Marketing and Development Manager's position at the Kanawha County Public Library. Stan handled the Commission's E-Rate and public relations duties since 2015.

Good luck to both in their future endeavors.

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## McDowell County Public Library Opens Its War Branch



The War Public Library Branch reopened to the public on Thursday, July 25 after being closed for several months of renovations.

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## DigitalLead: Rural Libraries Creating New Possibilities

Applications are currently being accepted, from libraries in the following West Virginia Counties to help them establish mobile hotspot lending programs and to initiate or expand digital skills training programs and access to patron computers.

**Counties:** Boone County, Braxton County, Cabell County, Calhoun County, Clay County, Fayette County, Gilmer County, Greenbrier County, Jackson County, Kanawha County, Lincoln County, Logan County, Marshall County, Mason County, McDowell County, Mingo County, Pendleton County, Pocahontas County, Putnam County, Raleigh County, Randolph County, Ritchie County, Roane County, Tucker County, Wayne County, Wood County, Wirt County, Wyoming County

### Before applying:

- [Preview the application.](#)
- [Review the list of libraries in priority states and counties that will be prioritized for eligibility.](#)
- [Review the award package options that are available.](#)

[Applications will be accepted through August 30, 11:59 PM Central.](#)

### For more information please visit:

- [DigitalLead: Rural Libraries Creating New Possibilities homepage](#)
- [Eligible Geographic Areas](#)
- [Microsoft Airband Initiative](#)



- **West Virginia Library Commission:** Job opening for a Digital Resources Librarian
- **St. Albans Public Library:** Job opening for a Branch Manager
- **Shepherdstown Public Library:** Job opening for a part-time Children's Librarian
- **Concord University:** Job opening for a Reference Librarian

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Mark your calendars now to participate in the 2020 Money Smart Week, April 4-11!

Each year hundreds of libraries across the country create programming that helps consumers manage their personal finances better.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau provides free Money Smart Week resources for libraries. For more information, visit the [Money Smart Week](#) website.



## WVLC Book Discussion GROUP

JOIN and ADD to the DISCUSSION!

## Featured Book of the Month!

### The Secrets We Carried

by Mary McNear

Quinn LaPointe grew up on beautiful Butternut Lake, safe, secure, sure of her future. But after a high school tragedy, she left for college and never looked



back. Becoming a successful writer in Chicago, she worked to keep out the dark memories of an accident that upended her life. But now, after ten years, she's finally returned home.

Determined to come to terms with the tragedy and rebuild old relationships, Quinn settles into Loon Bay Cabins, a rustic but cozy lakeside resort, where she begins writing down her memories of the year before the accident. Her journey through the past leads her to some surprising discoveries about the present. As secrets are revealed and a new love emerges, Quinn finds that understanding the past is the key to the future.

Contact Library & Development Services to request this book for your book group at 304-558-2041 or at [steven.m.stover@wv.gov](mailto:steven.m.stover@wv.gov).

## Morgantown Public Library Offers War Gaming



The Morgantown Public Library's Aull Center for Local History & Genealogy Research is taking warfare to library tabletops. The Aull Center is hosting monthly historical war games as a way of promoting historical literacy. Historical war games recreate battles through the use of a 3D table over which troops and vehicles are deployed among model forests, roads, rivers and buildings. Detailed rules instruct the players on how they may move and launch their miniature armies in combat against each other.

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from the 1777 Saratoga Campaign of the American War for Independence. The library has put together a preview of the battle and posted it to the Morgantown Public Library's [YouTube page](#).

Nathan Wuertenberg, a staff researcher at the Aull Center, says the war games are a fun way to make history accessible for patrons of all ages.

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## Flash Flooding Strikes Pioneer Memorial Public Library

On June 30th, flood waters ravaged the town of Harman, West Virginia as well as the Pioneer Memorial Public Library, leaving a trail of mud and debris in their wake.

Flooding damaged a portion of the library's parking area as well as the library's heat pump and book return. Inside the library, parts of the flooring and carpet were saturated with mud and water, but luckily there was no damage to books or equipment. Library staff is in the process of assessing damage and working to cleanup the muddy mess. Updates on cleanup efforts are available on the library [Facebook page](#).



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## Girls Who Code Club



It's time to start a **FREE Girls Who Code Club** in your community. Girls Who Code is an international nonprofit seeking to inspire, educate, and equip girls with the computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. Since launching in 2012, the organization has served over 185,000 students across the U.S. and Canada. Now's the time to apply for a 2019-20 Girls Who Code Club by visiting [girlswhocode.com/clubs](http://girlswhocode.com/clubs).

Girls Who Code offers free after-school programs for 3rd-5th and 6th-12th grade girls, allowing them to join their peers and role models using computer science to change the world. Learn more [here](#) on how to start a Club or how you can get involved today.

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## Changes to the Public Library Reporting Schedule

Due to several vacancies within the agency, the *Public Library Reporting Schedule* has been revised. Please visit the [Compliance Section](#) of the website for the latest schedule.

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### **Highlighted Content from WebJunction for August 2019**

These resources can help you strengthen your library and services to the community, explore them today!

- [Community Engagement - Redefining the Library as Town Square](#): Pam Sandlian Smith, director of the Anythink Libraries in Colorado shares her thoughts on how “libraries are evolving, leaning outside of our walls, [and] connecting with our communities in new and powerful ways.” To support this, the library has adopted the concept of the library as town square – and her insights will help you think about how your library can put your community at the center of everything.
- [Supercharged Storytimes Project Concludes, Learning Continues](#): Are your storytimes supercharged? We recently wrapped a four-year project and have created a wealth of resources to help you strengthen the effectiveness of storytimes in your community. Check out the project learnings and how you can use the free resources to build your skills and confidence in delivering storytimes.

### **Upcoming Webinars**

If you can't attend a live session, all WebJunction webinars are recorded and available for free in the [course catalog](#).

#### **Hooray for Freedom! Part Two: Developing Policies in Support of Ethical Practice**

Thursday, August 8, 2019 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

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Part two in a two-part series, this webinar explores library policies and procedures related to intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality. Building on part one, [Hooray for Freedom! Privacy, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Freedom in the Library](#), this webinar will help you assess your library's current policies and procedures within a legal context, and help you draft specific policy language. We'll explore considerations for libraries of all sizes in order to codify the library profession's values for our institutions.

In this webinar, learners will:

- Increase understanding of the language in, and policy implications for, the 1st and 4th Amendments.
- Learn how to translate legal opinion into policy considerations for libraries.
- Recognize how to avoid policy drafting traps by maintaining focus on mission and purpose.

Presented by: **Margo Gustina**, Deputy Director, Trustee Development, Southern Tier Library System (NY), 2018 Library Journal Mover & Shaker, and past-president of New York Library Association Rural Libraries Round Table; and **Eli Guinee**, State Librarian, New Mexico State Library, co-founders of [Hooray4.org](#).

### Why Wikipedia Matters for Health and Medical Information

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here.](#)

Wikipedia is a go-to resource for health and medical information, not just for the general public but for health care providers as well. Over 50% of physicians, and 94% of medical students use Wikipedia to find medical information on the internet.\* It may be popular but library staff want to know how reliable it is and how to assess quality on behalf of their patrons. The National Network of Librarians of Medicine (NNLM) supports strengthening the ability of public libraries nationwide to find reliable and authoritative medical and health information online for information seekers. Hear how Liz Waltman from the NNLM connects with WikiProject Medicine, an organization of volunteers dedicated to developing, maintaining, and promoting accurate medical information on Wikipedia. Learn about the upcoming online training program Wikipedia + Libraries: Health and Medical Information that will empower you to confidently guide your patrons to reliable resources on the internet. The free four-week course will be offered in the fall of 2019.

Presented by: **Betha Gutsche**, WebJunction Program Manager, OCLC; and **Liz Waltman**, Outreach, Education and Communications Coordinator, Southeastern/Atlantic Region, National Network of Librarians of Medicine; and **Monika Sengul-Jones**, Doctoral Candidate at UC San Diego and former OCLC Wikipedian-in-Residence.

### Library Technology Planning for Today and Tomorrow

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here.](#)

Technology changes at a dizzying pace – so how do we plan for and implement these changes in libraries? A robust technology plan can help you create an environment that truly meets the needs of the community your library serves. The prospect of technology planning can seem overwhelming and time-consuming, especially in an already short-staffed library. This webinar will help libraries create a framework for their technology planning and introduce the tools and decisions that need to be incorporated into a working plan. Join us to learn how to successfully develop and implement a practical technology plan that can help move your library and community forward.

Presented by: **Diana Silveira**, librarian, president of [Novare Library Services](#), and author of [Library Technology Planning for Today and Tomorrow](#)



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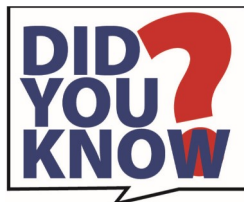
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WebJunction's catalog of courses and webinar archives on library topics is now open to all library workers and volunteers across the nation. A certificate of completion is provided after you have completed any course or webinar that you enroll in [Catalog »](#)

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The Paden City Public Library opened in its original location on Main Street in 1946. Four years later, the library inherited the old Tyler County Grade School as its new home, and in 1975 that building was replaced with a new Instant Library facility. An addition was added four years later. The Paden City Public Library now serves more than 4,700 residents in Wetzel and Tyler counties.

## Mark Your Calendar!



- August 1:** International Friendship Day
- August 2:** National Coloring Book Day
- August 8:** International Cat Day
- August 9:** National Book Lover's Day
- August 12:** International Youth Day
- August 26:** National Dog Day

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