

# West Virginia Library Commission E-Bulletin

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## Statement on use of electronic resources owned/ subscribed to by the WVLC Reference Library. (7.20.10)

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## Coming Soon...

In order to direct focus on West Virginia's local libraries, the WVLC website will be adding a Library Spotlight feature. If your library is hosting a special program or event, share your photos, press release and details and the spotlight will shine on your event. Also planned for the site--a calendar depicting continuing educational opportunities, programs and events.

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## WV State Tax Forms

If you have not placed an [order](#) for 2011 West Virginia State Tax forms, please take a moment to do before the December 9 deadline. Be sure to include the name of a contact person on your form. Libraries may put them out for distribution **after January 1, 2012**.

WVLC encourages those libraries within reasonable driving distance of Charleston to pick up the tax forms at the loading dock. Please e-mail or fax orders by December 9 to: Woodie Dorsen ([woodie.j.dorsen@wv.gov](mailto:woodie.j.dorsen@wv.gov)); Fax: 304-558-1612.

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## Looking Forward to February

As if we needed one more reason to love and celebrate libraries in February--the 2012 West Virginia Snapshot Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th--Valentine's Day.

Since February is already National Library Lovers' Month, media focus increases patron awareness, comments, and attendance on the local level. By adding Snapshot Day to a long-standing national event, libraries can take advantage of the attention generated by the national event.

All types of libraries are encouraged to participate and submit photographs and data. These items are collected, posted, and then taken to Washington, D.C., for Library Legislative Day.

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## Letters About Literature

How would your library spend a \$10,000 LAL promotional grant? If you want the opportunity to find out, [encourage](#) a young reader to become a published writer. Each year, West Virginia Center for the Book sends the top 3 letter writers for three levels to compete for national prizes. Top state entries are printed in an anthology and mailed to libraries statewide and nationwide, including the Library of Congress.

If you have yet to direct students towards writing to an author, it isn't too late. Submission forms are available [online](#). For additional details about the program in West Virginia, contact Library Development.

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## The Big Read

The Big Read is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013. See more information [here](#).

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## WebJunction Change

Watch the Latest Updates section of the WVLC homepage for a change in the WebJunction classes. WebJunction is no longer providing for the bulk purchase of classes and the Library Commission is exploring an alternative partnership with WebJunction.

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## Thank You!

Thanks everyone for the great participation in the PLFTAS (Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study) survey. The goal was 60% but you exceeded expectations with over 80% participation.

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## Thank Them!

Now is a great time to thank local legislators for their past support and to encourage their continued support in the upcoming session.

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## Free Webinars

WVLC does not post the following items as an endorsement, but rather to raise awareness of resources available to librarians:

### [Solving the Budget Puzzle](#)

Librarians need help finding help. So we scoured the web in search of grants and awards for libraries. We discovered the options extend far beyond free money from national and state sources.

Hundreds of grants are available to libraries of all types from local foundations, family trusts, small and large corporations, professional organizations, and the publishing community. You owe it to your library to find out more about the financial aid available.

### [Earn your MILS Degree in 26 Months](#)

Are you currently working in a library leadership position and you are ineligible for promotional opportunities because you don't hold a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree? Do you need an accelerated MLIS program that is focused on leadership, so you don't have to go back to the basics in order to earn your graduate degree? If this scenario rings true for you or someone you know, the fully-online Executive MLIS program at the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science may be the solution to achieving your career goals. Courses are taught fully online by faculty members who are recognized for their expertise in organizational leadership. Added features include regularly scheduled online sessions with national and international leaders and collaborative learning opportunities with peers.

Details about course schedules for the Fall 2012 Executive MLIS program cohort are now available. To view the course schedule, please visit:  
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