

# Greener Pastures:

## The Wisconsin Rural Library Sustainability Project



The Greener Pastures Rural Library Sustainability Project is funded through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to WebJunction and Wisconsin's Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning. The primary goal of the project is to support the efforts of rural and small libraries (serving 25,000 or fewer patrons) in developing and implementing community-specific action plans for sustaining public access computing (PAC).

### **Purpose of the Project:**

In answer to the special challenges faced by rural and small libraries, the Greener Pastures Rural Library Sustainability Project is intended to build ties and increase communication among library directors and to encourage development and implementation of community-specific action plans to address these challenges.

### **Who is involved?**

- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – providing the objectives and funding for the project
- WebJunction – project coordinator for the delivery and evaluation of the program, providing online communication tools, resources, and activities
- Wisconsin's Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning – John DeBacher and Bob Bocher have been trained to conduct the workshops
- Wisconsin Public Library Systems – coordinating regional workshops
- Directors of public libraries in rural areas or with service populations fewer than 25,000 will attend the workshop. If the director is unable to attend, other library staff or a trustee may attend.

### **Why should I attend?**

- Connect with your colleagues and build networks of support
- Build your library's future through effective brainstorming and planning
- Earn credit for six contact hours toward library director certification
- Mileage reimbursement
- Lodging reimbursement if travel of more than 120 miles is required
- Grants for substitute wages are available

### ***But wait, that's not all!***

- Take home useful resources and ideas!
- Enjoy the refreshments and lunch provided!
- Have a chance for door prizes!
- *Bonus offer:* those who complete the workshop will be entered in a drawing for three people to attend the Annual ALA Conference, June 2007, in Washington, D.C., *all expenses paid!* (participants at Eau Claire/WAPL location not eligible).

**Workshop Schedule:** Please see <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/rural.html> for final schedule or contact John DeBacher for information, [john.debacher@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:john.debacher@dpi.state.wi.us)

You may register for a site that is convenient to your location or schedule, but preference may be given to members of the host system(s).

<b>Library Systems</b>	<b>Workshop Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Registration</b>
SCLS (Arrowhead)	South Central Library System	5250 E. Terrace Dr. Madison	2/22/2007 9:30-4:30	Stef Morrill <a href="mailto:smorrill@scls.lib.wi.us">smorrill@scls.lib.wi.us</a> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/24cnw7">http://tinyurl.com/24cnw7</a>
Lakeshores, Kenosha, Waukesha, Milwaukee	Lakeshores Library System	106 W Main St. Waterford	2/27/2007 9:30-4:30	Rhonda Puntney (262) 514-4500 ext. 67 <a href="mailto:rpuntney@lakeshores.lib.wi.us">rpuntney@lakeshores.lib.wi.us</a>
Nicolet, OWLS, Manitowoc- Calumet (ESLS, WVLS)	St. Norbert College F.K. Bemis Conference Center	100 Grant St. De Pere	3/7/2007 9:30-4:30	Beth Carpenter <a href="mailto:bcarpent@mail.owls.lib.wi.us">bcarpent@mail.owls.lib.wi.us</a> registration link: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/35dyqo">http://tinyurl.com/35dyqo</a>
Indianhead (NWLS, WVLS)	Rice Lake Public Library	2 E. Marshall St. Rice Lake	3/13/2007 9:30-4:30	Leah Langby (715) 839-5082 ext. 14 <a href="mailto:langby@ifls.lib.wi.us">langby@ifls.lib.wi.us</a>
MWFLS, Winnefox (ESLS)	Fond du Lac Public Library	32 Sheboygan St. Fond du Lac	4/3/2007 9:30-4:30	Mark Arend (920) 236-5222 <a href="mailto:arend@winnefox.org">arend@winnefox.org</a>
SWLS (WRLS, SCLS)	Southwest Wisconsin Library System	1775 Fourth St. Fennimore	4/12/2007 9:30-4:30	Jo Don Anderson (608) 822-3393 <a href="mailto:janderson@swls.org">janderson@swls.org</a>
NWLS (IFLS, WVLS)	Mercer Public Library	2648 W. Margaret St. Mercer	4/18/2007 9:30-4:30	Linda Stobbe (715) 682-2365 <a href="mailto:lstobbe@nwls.lib.wi.us">lstobbe@nwls.lib.wi.us</a>
WVLS (NWLS, Nicolet, SCLS, OWLS)	Midway Hotel Conference Center	2901 Martin Ave. Wausau	4/19/2007 9:30-4:30	Marla Sepnafski (715) 261-7252 <a href="mailto:msepnafs@wvls.lib.wi.us">msepnafs@wvls.lib.wi.us</a>
WRLS (SWLS, SCLS)	Colonial Bowling & Banquet Center	1415 W. Wisconsin St. Sparta	4/26/2007 9:30-4:30	Kristen Anderson (608) 789-7131 <a href="mailto:kra@wrlsweb.org">kra@wrlsweb.org</a>
IFLS (WAPL pre- conference)	Plaza Hotel	1202 W. Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire	5/2/2007 9:30-4:30	Leah Langby (715) 839-5082 ext. 14 <a href="mailto:langby@ifls.lib.wi.us">langby@ifls.lib.wi.us</a>



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