

TEAM WLA @ 2025 WI Legislature Joint Finance Committee Public Hearings



TEAM WLA KAUKAUNA with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly

April 2 – Kaukauna (19)

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Speakers

Clairellyn Sommersmith (Winnefox)
Dominic Frandrup (Door Co. Library)
Cindy Fallona (Kaukauna Public Library trustee)

Non-Speaking Participants

Karin Adams (Manitowoc P.L.), Rebecca Berger, Jen Bernetzke (SWLS), Holly Feldman, D Hankins (New Holstein P.L.), Kristie Hauer (NFLS), Melanie Kearn (Fond du Lac P.L.), Kristin Laufenberg (OWLS), Bastia Looker (OWLS & Appleton P.L. trustee), Rachel Pascoe (Oconto Falls P.L.), Becky Scherer (MCLS), Angela Schneider (Winnefox), Bradley Shipps (OWLS), Karla Smith (Winnefox), Tracy Vreeke (NFLS), Jon Weier (New Holstein P.L. trustee),





TEAM WLA WEST ALLIS with Division for Libraries and Technology Assist. State Superintendent Dr. Darrell Williams

April 4 – West Allis (20)

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Speakers

Pete Loeffel (Wauwatosa Public Library)
 Abby Armour (Mukwonago Community Library)
 Nick Dimassis (Beloit Public Library)

Non-Speaking Participants

Art Biermeier (Karl Juninger Memorial Library), Harry Brammer, Michelle Carter (Aram P.L., Delevan), Erin DeMont (So. Milwaukee P.L.), Jerry and Genda Dolphin (Town Hall Library, North Lake), Bruce Gay (Waukesha P.L.), Emily Heller (Bridges), Steve Heser (MCFLS), Kathy Klager (Pauline Haass P.L.), Andy Kristensen (Hartland P.L.), Brittany Larson (Muskego P.L.), Emily Laws (Oscar Grady P.L., Saukville), Jill Lininger (Oak Creek P.L.), Jim Ramsey (Stoughton P.L.), Martha Riel (Bridges), Jodi Kessel Szpiszar (Johnson Creek P.L.)





TEAM WLA HAYWARD

April 28 – Hayward (15)

- [Event photos](#)
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Speakers

Katherine Elchert (NWLS)

Dee Barabe (Osceola Public Library trustee)

Rachel Thomas (Rice Lake Public Library)

Non-Speaking Participants

Angie Bodzislaw (Spooner Memorial Library), Katelyn Dubiel (IFLS), Ann Larson (Hayward P.L.), Su Leslie (St. Croix P.L.) Krister Paakkonen and Jessi Peterson (Chippewa Falls P.L.), Jacqueline Pooler (Iron River P.L.), Emily Resendiz (Chetek P.L.), John Thompson (IFLS), Amanda Westlund (Forest Lodge Library)





TEAM WLA WAUSAU with Assembly Representatives Vincent Miresse and Christian Phelps (back row), WLA Govt Relations Advisor Steve Conway and JFC members Representative Tony Kurtz and Senator Julian Bradley (on right).

April 29 – Wausau (13)

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Speakers

Kris Adams Wendt (WVLS)
 Janay Ziebell (Neillsville Public Library)
 Jim Mildbrand (triple trustee: Loyal P.L., Clark County, WVLS)

Non-Speaking Participants

Sonja Ackerman (WVLS trustee), Sara Bartkowiak (Everett Roehl Marshfield P.L.), Steve Conway, Vicki Teal Lovely (SCLS), Beth Martin, Eric Norton (McMillan Memorial Library, WI Rapids), Laurie Ollhoff (T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill), Petra Pietrzak (WVLS trustee), Marla Sepnafski (WVLS), Mark Sepnafski

