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April 4, 2013

WTLC'S 2013 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

[Bringing It Home: Teams Design Local Culture Classroom and Community Projects](#)

Applications were due April 1, 2013. Selected teams will be announced soon.

This opportunity use immersive tours in Madison neighborhoods and innovative teaching tools during a four-day event August 12 – 15, 2013, WTLC will train four four-member teams composed of K-12 educators and community leaders in project-based learning strategies for investigating local culture. Teams will receive strategic assistance, mentoring and on-site coaching during the year as they create and implement a student-powered local culture project.

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

[The Mutual Benefits of Health Care and Afterschool Collaboration](#)

Via DPI-ConnectEd

“Marshfield Clinic as a local resource and an afterschool learning lab. For the past 22 years the Marshfield Clinic has operated a comprehensive afterschool program known as Youth Net. Youth Net is open 5 days a week throughout the year with a focus on academic success, healthy active living, and personal and social development. Annually, Youth Net serves over 350 Marshfield-area children and youth ages 8–18, with a daily attendance average of 155. Over 70% of these students qualify for free-and-reduced lunch, and 43% receive special education services. Children are referred to the program due to poor school performance, behavioral issues, and family conflict.”

[Booger museum coming to town](#)

Baraboo News Republic

“At an April 1 special meeting of the Baraboo City Council, Mayor Mike Palm introduced Iva Phlegm, who wishes to establish a booger museum here.”

[FdL supper clubs, halls were the places to be](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

“There are a lot of interesting stories connected to these places, but I just have to tell you about a favorite place in North Fond du Lac. Today it is known as Charlie’s Banquet Hall and Pub, but years ago it was known as Roy Sage’s. Located on the northern end of Wisconsin Avenue and very close to the railroad yards, Roy put out the best steak plate dinner that today we can only dream about. Picture a nice club steak, potato, salad and bread, all for the outrageous price of thirty-five cents. You can’t buy much for thirty-five cents.”

[Wood boat builders still hewing their ageless craft](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Washburn: "Two wood boat builders in Bayfield County continue to practice the ancient art and are making a decent living constructing new boats and refurbishing old ones within a few miles of each other."

[Milwaukee, Wis. - 15 U.S. Cities' Emerging Downtowns](#)

Forbes

"The Milwaukee community first turned its sights to downtown in 1988 with the RiverWalk initiative. In the decades since, the city passed zoning changes to encourage developers to erect more housing in the area."

[Museum of Wisconsin Art opens new building](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Neosho man finds uses for pieces of recycled steel](#)

Wisconsin State Farmer

"Eagles, iguana and an eight-foot crocodile find their home on a town of Ashippun farm. While they may turn a few heads, they are not dangerous and Fred Kuck doesn't need a permit to keep them there. The creatures are fashioned with recycled metal parts that would have otherwise been scrapped."

[Buddhist monks display traditions to Lakeland](#)

The Lakeland Mirror

"Traditional Buddhist monks captivated Lakeland students at a recent convocation, bringing with them Tibetan song and dance which date back over 2500 years."

[Meet the Blacksmith Artist](#)

WGBA – Green Bay

"His calling was born out of pragmatism. This once woodworker was in need of tools. So, he decided to make them himself. That quickly led to a love for blacksmithing and molding tools into works of art."

[Update on Hamilton Wood Type Museum](#)

Two Rivers

"We have a new home! It's official! 1816 10th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. That's the spot we're headed, friends. The Two Rivers City Council has rezoned this space and we are moving in. Come visit us when we reopen this summer. It's gonna be great. We are currently assembling teams of volunteers to help us with the unpacking process after our move and you can lend a hand."

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4, 2013

[Mining in Wisconsin: Incentives, Risks, and Authority of the Commons](#)

The Nelson Institute

Cyrus Hester, Natural Resource Department Special Consultant, Bad River Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa

4 pm, Science Hall, UW-Madison, 550 N. Park Street, Madison

April 5 - 6, 2013

[Wisconsin Indian Education Association Annual Conference](#)

Via [WDPI Social Studies Newsletter](#)

“The 2013 WIEA conference serves as a unique opportunity to bring together parents, youth, educators, businesses, institutions, and professionals who are interested in American Indian education. WIEA is the only state-wide conference that specifically addresses American Indian issues at all educational levels. The 2013 conference consists of a youth track, keynote speakers, and multiple workshops and presentations. The theme this year is Lifelong Learning: Nurturing a Tradition of Excellence.”
Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau

April 5 – 7, 2013

GRAND OPENING of the NEW [Museum of Wisconsin Art](#) in West Bend.
205 Veteran’s Avenue, West Bend

April 5 – 7, 2013

[Bluegrass festival targets locals, tourists](#)

The River Falls Chamber of Commerce will present the 3rd annual Bluegrass and Roots Music Festival April 5-7. It includes at least a dozen artists playing 14 different venues, with many free performances throughout the weekend.

April 6, 2013

[Yahara Watershed Exploration](#)

“An epic tour of the Yahara River that will help you teach about how your school or organization fits into the watershed. Traveling together on a bus, we will make a complete loop around the Madison area’s lakes, stopping at or pointing out most of the streams and rivers that connect to the lakes. We will learn how to collect data on water clarity, visit a City of Madison water utility well, and stop at an organic farm and local business practicing water conservation. (Note: This event is free, and breakfast is provided, but you will need to bring a bag lunch and snacks.)”
8:30-4:30, Madison

April 9, 2013

["From Denmark to Wisconsin" author at RFPL](#)

River Falls Journal

“From Denmark to Wisconsin” tells the saga of a Danish-American family from the 17th century in Denmark, through their 19th century immigration to northwestern Wisconsin to the present, primarily in Polk and St. Croix counties.

April 13

[UW-Green Bay to host 2013 community Pow Wow](#)

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

“A recently revived UW-Green Bay tradition will energize the Kress Events Center Saturday, April 13, as the University’s Intertribal Student Council presents the 2013 UW-Green Bay Pow Wow. This daylong celebration returned to campus a year ago after a several-year hiatus. The event, which is free and open to the public, offers the chance for both Native American and non-Native attendees to experience the culture and sense of community the Pow Wow offers, said Alan Caldwell, an academic adviser with UW-Green Bay’s American Intercultural Center.”

April 14, 2013

[Vital Skills: Resources for Re-Skilling Panel](#)

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

“A discussion about the importance and relevance of preserving and passing on traditional skills, with Grege David, Jim Lorman, Ruth Olson, Anne Pryor and Robert Schulz. Moderated by *Vital Skills* curator Jody Clowes.”

2:00 – 3:30 pm, 201 State Street, Madison

April 17, 2013

[German Day 2013](#)

“The Department of German, with support from the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, will host 500+ students from Wisconsin middle and high school German classes for the 21st Annual German Day. Students will compete in contests involving posters, videos, recitations, skits and more in German. Events are judged by faculty, staff, and students of German at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. German Day is one of many activities that the Department of German puts on in its ongoing commitment to working with schools in their efforts to improve the teaching of German in Wisconsin.”

9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Memorial Union, UW-Madison

April 20, 2013

[Sixth Annual Anti-Racist Anti-Bias Teaching Conference](#)

Educators’ Network for Social Justice

The Educators’ Network for Social Justice and other community organizations invite educators and community members interested in issues of race and social justice in education to attend this outstanding conference.

Indian Community School, Franklin

RESOURCES

[The Ways](#)

Via [WDPI Social Studies Newsletter](#)

“Wisconsin Media Lab is excited to present the third and fourth stories in The Ways, the series on Great Lakes Native culture and language! Lake Superior Whitefish shares the story of the Petersons, a commercial fishing family in Hancock, Michigan. Follow along with Pat and Chris Peterson as they fish the waters of Lake Superior, manage their fish market, and recount their experience relocating after their treaty rights were affirmed in 1972. Powwow Trail is a glimpse inside the Oneida Powwow through the eyes of Dylan Jennings, a UW-Madison student, traditional dancer, and singer with Midnite Express. This is the fourth installment of The Ways, a collection of stories about Native culture and language from Wisconsin Media Lab. The Ways is a free online educational resource for 6-12 grade students, designed to support you in meeting the requirements of Wisconsin Act 31.”

[Recollection Wisconsin](#)

Via [WDPI Social Studies Newsletter](#)

“Recollection Wisconsin is a place to discover and share your Wisconsin story. You can use this website to search and browse a growing set of historical resources from collections across the state. You’re also invited to contribute your own memories, images, knowledge and thoughts. The Recollection Wisconsin

program is sponsored by Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS) in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Historical Society.”

LOCAL CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline April 15, 2013

[Grammy's Music Educator Award](#)

GRAMMY in the Schools

The Grammy Foundation and the Recording Academy will present their first Music Educator Award (and \$10,000) to a special teacher working in a U.S. school, from kindergarten through college. Go to Parade.com/music to nominate an educator you find inspiring.

Deadline April 24, 2013

[Calling All Youth Gamers: Contest for Original Video Games Now Open](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline April 30, 2013

[Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Arts Education Programs](#)

PND | Foundation Center

Deadline April 30, 2013

[National Storytelling Network Seeks Applications for Brimstone Award for Applied Storytelling](#)

PND | Foundation Center

Deadline May 31, 2013

[Elevate the Arts School Grant Program](#)

American Girl and Americans for the Arts

Saige, American Girl's Girl of the Year, is advocating for the arts and arts education. Schools can compete to win up to \$10,000 for their art programs through American Girl's Elevate the Arts contest.

Registration Now Open. Event July 8-12, 2013

[A Kickapoo Valley Experience: Cultural Tour for Educators](#)

Kickapoo Valley Reserve

Week-long tour exploring land and water issues, people's connection with land, local culture in classrooms.

PARTING INSPIRATION

“If you're going through hell, keep going.” – Winston Churchill

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