

In the Wake of *The Wave*

What is *The Wave* and why does it exist?

The Wave is the Western Maryland Regional Library's (WMRL) eNewsletter. It is one of many vehicles we are using to share what we do, why we do it, and how we do it. We also hope it opens up opportunities for connection, discussion, and collaboration between the four library systems in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.

The Wave will be distributed to your email inboxes on the last Wednesday of every other month. So, the next issue will be waiting for you on October 31st.

Don't you already do all this with the Learning Newsletter?

Indeed we do, but henceforth the Learning Newsletter will be absorbed by *The Wave*, so your inboxes will not be overloaded with extra email (at least, no more than usual).

What fun things will we experience in *The Wave*?

As in the Learning Newsletter, we want to always have a Staff Spotlight that focuses on one of our colleagues from the three counties. Since *The Wave* is web-based, we can now offer the interviews in video format.

In this first edition of *The Wave*, Dennis McPherson (WMRL, ILL and Deposit Collections expert), has provided us with a wonderful video interview with Bill Spataro, the Regional's delivery driver, and his co-pilot, Harley.

We also want to make *The Wave* as engaging as possible. One of the ways we're attempting to do this is through the use of online surveys. There are sections throughout *The Wave* where we ask you to **tell us what you think** – and we really do mean it! The surveys are all very brief and won't take more than a few minutes to complete.

Here are a few more content areas that will be appearing in the current and future editions:

1. Library trend-spotting
2. Sharing the bright spots in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties
3. Embedded learning opportunities
4. WMRL Advisory Board updates

Who's making all these waves?

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Would you like to make some waves? Contributors from the three counties are always welcome! Just email Julie Zamostny with the content and images you'd like to share across the region!