



1) 'Hiring' Webinar This Week

The second webinar in the Staff Empowerment Series is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Rachel Arndt, who previously worked in management at the Milwaukee Public Library, will discuss how library staff can update job descriptions, edit interview questions, take interview notes, select an employee, and more.

[Register here](#) to attend 'Hiring in 2021 and Beyond.'

2) Youth Services Meet-Up on Tuesday

The next WVLS Youth Services Meet-Up is scheduled from 10 - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Youth services librarians will gather to discuss summer performers, fall programs, and future services.

To join the meeting via computer:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/363120157>

Join by phone:

+1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 363-120-157

3) 2021 Charlotte Zolotow Lecture Featuring Christopher Myers

The 2021 Charlotte Zolotow Lecture Featuring [Christopher Myers](#) will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, in the Memorial Union at UW-Madison, OR via livestream.

Mr. Myers' lecture is titled "What Is Your Water? Establishing a Lingua Franca in Community Literatures."

Mr. Myers is the author and illustrator of distinguished and singular books for youth, including *Wings*, *H.O.R.S.E.*, *My Pen* and *Black Cat*. He has also illustrated books written by his late father, Walter Dean Myers, including *Harlem*, *Jazz*, and *Monster*. He is the creative director of the Make Me a World imprint at Random House Children's Books, committed to publishing stories that defy erasure, eliminate borders, respond to hard questions, and nurture dreams.

This is a free, public lecture, and tickets are not required. Here is [complete information, including the livestream link](#).

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Q & A With Ryan

Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the issues covered:

- Did you have a situation with a homeless patron and you're not sure whether or not you dealt with it correctly?
- Do you have specific questions about people experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental illness, or substance abuse?
- Do you have a coworker who struggles when dealing with challenging patrons and want to know how to help him/her?

Please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the pre-registration link. A recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live event.

5) Phone and Wifi Discount for Patrons

Last week was Lifeline Awareness Week. [Lifeline](#) is an FCC program designed to help make communications services more affordable for low-income consumers. The program provides eligible low-income subscribers a monthly discount of up to \$9.25 off their monthly service. Eligible low-income subscribers on Tribal lands receive a monthly discount of up to \$34.25.

Lifeline provides subscribers a discount on qualifying monthly telephone service, broadband Internet service, or bundled voice-broadband packages purchased from participating wireline or wireless providers. The discount helps ensure that low-income consumers can afford 21st century broadband and the access it provides to jobs, healthcare, and educational resources.

6) This Week's Webinars

- [Actively Anti-Racist Library Service to Leisure Readers: A Discussion](#) - 1pm on Thursday, Sep 30
- [How to Write More Effective Email and Web Content](#) – 2 pm on Thursday, Sep 30

7) Reminders

- **V-Cat Standardized Loan Periods Handout and Bookmark**

There are two new tools to assist WVLS libraries in communicating the new standardized loan periods. Links to both are located on the [V-Cat Guidelines webpage](#). For bookmarks, please print them single-sided until December, as not all WVLS libraries have completed the standardization change.

- [Standardized Loan Periods Handout](#)
- [Standardized Loan Periods Bookmark](#)