1) Options for System-Led ARPA Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced on September 27 that the competitive grant application process for library relief funding is now open.

Last Thursday, Anne Hamland sent a message to WVLS directors regarding a collaboration among WVLS, IFLS, and NWLS to apply for ARPA Funding. Directors interested in this collaborative effort should read the information sheet and fill out the form by Friday, October 15.

Questions can be directed toward Anne at ahamland@wvls.org.

2) Aspen Discovery Training Starting in November

The Aspen Discovery Layer will go live in January 2022, with the soft launch happening in December. To prepare WVLS libraries for the soft launch, several training sessions will start in November.

Catalog Training – Part I: Tuesday, November 9 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Advanced Catalog Training – Part II: Wednesday, November 17 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Discover More Training: Tuesday, November 30 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Patron Experience Training:
      Wednesday, December 8 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
      Tuesday, December 14 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 .pm.

Patron Experience Q & A sessions:
      Tuesday, December 14 from 9 – 10 a.m. via Zoom
      Thursday, December 16 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
      Thursday, December 16 from 1-2 p.m. via Zoom

Full descriptions and links can be found on the Fall 2021 Training Schedule on the V-Cat Training Page. Questions about the sessions can be directed to help@librarieswin.org.

3) V-Cat and Sierra Trainings Next Wednesday

- V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training
Wednesday, October 20 from 10 -11:30 a.m.
Register
This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is geared toward library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or people interested in a refresher.

- V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Training – Part I
  Wednesday, October 20 from 1-3 p.m.
  [Register](#)
  This training will show attendees the Sierra Create Lists function to query the database, and how to export record data to Excel. Sierra 5.3 improvements to Create Lists will be highlighted. It is geared toward library staff who want to create record lists for reviewing record information or for collection maintenance.

4) YSS Virtual Tour and Meet Up

Join YSS (Youth Services Section) for the last virtual tours of 2021! Krista Blomberg from Rib Lake Public Library and Annette Miller from Tomahawk will showcase their library spaces and share program ideas.

After the tours, feel free to ask about summer programs, COVID regulations or other topics of interest. [Join in the fun](#) at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 21.

5)   This Week's Webinars

- [Celebration of Children's and YA Latin American and Latinx Literature](#) - 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11
- [Creating a Healthy Culture with Conduct, Communication, and Conflict Resolution](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13
- [Beanstack Library Administrator Essentials](#): Admin Tools Tour - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13
- Q & A with Ryan Dowd - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14 (ask Jamie for registration link)

6)   Reminders

- **Schedule "Tally Week" This Month**
  Have you scheduled your library's annual survey week this October to collect data for the annual report? The annual report requires an annual count of reference transactions and all public computer uses. If your library does not keep an annual count of reference transactions and a count of all public internet computer uses, your library needs to schedule a survey week to "count transactions during a typical week." October is the month for tally week as established by Channel Weekly, the former online newsletter of the Wisconsin Division for Libraries and Technology.

  For more information, see the [Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report](#). It shares instructions on survey week and definitions for reference transactions, public internet computers and catalog computers.