1) Upcoming V-Cat and Sierra Training

- V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training
Wednesday, October 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. – registration link
This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. Library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in a refresher training are encouraged to attend.

- V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Training – Part I
Wednesday, October 20 from 1-3 p.m. – registration link
Attendees will learn how to use the Sierra Create Lists function to query the database, and export record data to Excel. Sierra 5.3 improvements to Create Lists will be highlighted. Library staff who want to create record lists reviewing record information or for collection maintenance are encouraged to attend.

- V-Cat Sierra Z39.50 Cataloging Training
Wednesday, October 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. – registration link
Attendees will learn how to use Z39.50 to connect to OCLC to search, analyze, and save bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. To attend, library staff must attend a MARC Alert training prior to attending or receive permission from Rachel. This training will build on the "V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training" session.

- V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Training – Part II
Wednesday, October 27 from 1-3 p.m. – registration link
This training may cover advanced tips and tricks for using the Sierra Create Lists function, manipulating data in Excel, and the basics of Sierra Rapid Update. Assistance will be provided for developing queries for a specific project, as time allows. Library staff who want to learn advanced tips and tricks for better queries and results are encouraged to attend.

Librarians who are unable to attend should still register, and a recording will be sent to you. Full descriptions for all upcoming trainings, a guide to who should attend, and links can be found on the Fall 2021 Training Schedule on the V-Cat Training Page.

2) Message to BadgerLink Users
On October 7, OverDrive, the digital reading platform for libraries and schools, announced the acquisition of TeachingBooks.net, a long-standing, Wisconsin-founded resource provided statewide through BadgerLink.
This acquisition will not impact the access, setup, support, or content that TeachingBooks or its public library interface BookConnections.org is providing Wisconsin through BadgerLink. They remain stand-alone products for every school, library, and resident in our state.

Please reach out to the BadgerLink team if you have any questions.

3) This Week's Webinars

- Accessible Library Services for Children with Disabilities and their Families - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19
- Mental Health: What If We Talked About It? - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19
- Workers with Long COVID-19 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19
- Going Virtual: Programs and Insights from a Time of Crisis - 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20
- How to Make Your Inner Critic Your Friend - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20
- Libraries as Community Anchors - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21

4) Problems Using Libby

As of October 2021, Libby is no longer supported on iPhones and iPads running iOS 9. This is because of a recent change made by Libby's web certificate provider (learn more about their change). Affected users may see security warnings in Libby or have trouble using some or all of Libby's features, including signing in, browsing, borrowing, or loading content.

To continue using Libby:
- iPhone/iPad users: Update your device to iOS 10 (or higher).
- Browser users: Update your browser version.

If updates aren't available, please switch to another device supported by Libby.

5) Reminders

- 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.

- 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

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