



1) Former WVLS Trustee Inducted into Library Hall of Fame

The Wisconsin Library Heritage Center announced the names of the 2021 Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame inductees. One of the inductees is Alice Sturzl, a former WVLS Board of Trustee. Alice has lived many kinds of lives within the Wisconsin library community, devoting her time and talents to library service and leadership as a school librarian, a library trustee, an active member of numerous professional organizations, and a dedicated public servant.

The official induction will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 18 at the Awards & Honors Ceremony held during the Wisconsin Library Association's Annual Conference at the KI Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Visit the [Heritage website](#) for more information on the Hall of Fame honorees.

Congratulations, Alice!

2) WVLS Seeks Accounting and Human Resources Specialist

Due to a retirement, the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) in Wausau, Wisconsin is seeking a full-time Accounting and Human Resources Specialist. Under the general direction of the WVLS Director, this position performs a variety of financial- and human resources-related duties for WVLS including biweekly payroll, accounts payable and receivable functions, and prepares month-end, quarterly and year-end financial statements in accordance with state and federal reporting requirements.

While applications will be accepted until the position is filled, preference will be given to applications received by or on November 2, 2021. [Read more.](#)

3) Medford Closure

The Frances L. Simek Library in Medford will be closed November 1-15 for a re-carpeting project.

WVLS member libraries should not send any items via courier to Medford beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, October 26. Please use [these instructions](#) for how to handle holds and items in transit during the closure.

4) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Anne talks about an easy and convenient way to collect library stories. [Watch it here.](#)

5) Upcoming V-Cat and Sierra Training

- 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](#).

6) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Body Odor: How to Talk About Odor Without Awkwardness (updated!)
Thursday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the issues covered:

- The two reasons this conversation is hard (and how to make it easier)
- The two different types of body odor conversations (and when to use each)
- How to not get sued (if you work for a library)

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

7) This Week's Webinars

- [Realistic Resilience: Well-Being During Challenging Times](#) - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26
- [Create a Statewide Standard of Reference Service Among Front Line Staff](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27
- [The Read Woke Movement: What You Can Do Now in Your Library](#) - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27
- [The Psychological Underpinnings of Making Inclusion a Habit](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28
- [The Next Decade of Well-Being](#) - 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28

8) WPLC Annual Survey

[The WPLC annual patron survey](#) is now live. A link to the survey can also be found on the top of the homepage for Wisconsin's Digital Library OverDrive mobile and desktop sites, so users on computers and mobile devices using the OverDrive app can find it. Unfortunately, we are still unable to add a link to the survey in Libby. The survey is open through November 5th.