



1) V-Cat Aspen Implementations

WVLS V-cat libraries are rolling out a new, user-friendly catalog designed to make it easier to find and borrow materials. With this new implementation, each library will have its own custom-tailored site to highlight new materials and special collections.

Many of the features that library users requested in the 2020 user survey are now available, including: enhanced series searching, predictive search suggestions, recommendations for other titles to enjoy, and the ability to browse recently added materials.

WVLS is excited to share that the following libraries have live Aspen Discovery sites:

- [Gilman](#)
- [Granton](#)
- [Greenwood](#)
- [Loyal](#)
- [Medford](#)
- [Tomahawk](#)

WVLS will provide updates in Monday Mentions when additional libraries' Aspen Discovery sites go live this spring.

2) CCBC Choices 2022 Now Available

The fully annotated [CCBC Choices 2022](#) publication is now available! This year's edition of *CCBC Choices* is once again being distributed as a pdf available on the CCBC (Cooperative Children's Book Center) website.

The Choices page on the web site provides links to the:

- [Complete CCBC Choices 2022 pdf](#) (fully annotated)
- [CCBC Choices 2022 Citation list](#)
- The annual "[observations on publishing](#)" essay

In addition, all of the Choices 2022 books are searchable in the [CCBC-Recommended books database](#). Enjoy!

3) Upcoming Sierra Trainings

V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training

Wednesday, February 16 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – [registration link](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog, staff new to cataloging in V-Cat, or anyone interested in a refresher.

V-Cat Sierra Z39.50 Cataloging Training

Wednesday, February 23 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.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 approval from Rachel.

4) State Superintendent's Reading Advisory Council Seeking Applicants

Applications are now being accepted to serve on the [Wisconsin State Superintendent's Reading Advisory Council](#).

The council is a diverse group of Wisconsin community members committed to strengthening literacy learning in Wisconsin's schools. By strengthening literacy learning, the group fosters student use of reading to understand themselves and others, to acquire knowledge, and to participate in a democratic society. The state superintendent is currently accepting applications for council members who currently hold specific roles:

- School librarian, Public librarian, Parent, Educator or administrator focused on early childhood, Practicing educator (in 5K, grade 1 or grade 2), Literacy coaches and more.

Council meetings will be held virtually. Interested individuals should complete the [Application for Reading Advisory Council form](#), available through February 28, 2022.

For more information, visit the [DPI's website](#).

5) 'Big Talk From Small Libraries' Conference Set for Friday, February 25

This [free one-day online conference](#) is aimed at librarians from small libraries. Each presenter is from a library serving fewer than 10,000 people, or directly works with small libraries.

Topics range from technology to programming to new roles for the library. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the innovative things your colleagues are doing in their small libraries.

[Everyone is welcome to register](#) and attend.

6) This Week's Webinars

- [Let's Talk About Race At Work](#) - 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 (see more information below)
- [Building Belonging: Pronouns at Work](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15

- Event Preparedness: [Active Shooters and Hostile Activity at Your Venues](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15
- [Creating a Culture of Wellness and Connection: A Trauma-Informed Approach](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16

7) Webinar Tomorrow on Talking About Race

*Let's Talk About Race At Work

10 a.m.; Tuesday, February 15

[Register here.](#)

Workplace conversations on race can be challenging. Even with the best intentions and sincere willingness to listen and understand, talking about racism can be uncomfortable. Rather than avoiding the necessary discussions and exchanges, we can learn how to productively talk about race. We can have conversations about race, racism and racial equity. We can create brave, bold and safe spaces to ask questions, share experiences, make commitments, co-create solutions, hold ourselves accountable and create authentic, measurable and lasting impact. This webinar is part of the 2022 LSTA-funded project, [Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race](#).

8) Reminders

- **3955 magazines added to OverDrive** last week are now live. If some titles are not appearing in your searches, please allow a day before reporting to OverDrive Tech Support.