



1) Next Youth Services Meet Up

The next WVLS Youth Services Meetup will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. on Monday, March 14. All youth services librarians are welcome to attend.

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/192950701>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 192-950-701

2) Aspen Information for Staff and Patrons

WVLS V-Cat libraries continue to roll 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.

- [Stetsonville](#) and [Westboro](#) now have live Aspen Discovery sites.
- Customizable marketing tools, patron and staff education suggestions are available on the [V-Cat Aspen Implementation Page](#).
- A [page within each Aspen site includes video tutorials](#). This is a work in progress, and more content will be added as it is created.

3) Grants Available for Libraries Looking to Adopt Solar Power

Libraries that are eager to show its communities the benefits of solar energy or to add to their sustainability plans, consider [applying to the EBSCO Solar Grant](#) now through April 29th. This year, EBSCO is providing \$300,000 in grants available for libraries looking to fund a library solar project to offset electricity costs. The winner will be announced in June 2022 online and at the ALA Annual Conference.

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Topic: De-escalation Skills: Practical Tools and Techniques

Thursday, March 10; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

This session will also include:

- Surveys to get feedback on training material
- Several Q&A breaks so participants can ask for clarification
- Interactive chat where participants can provide feedback

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the registration link. A recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live event. Please register even if you only plan to watch the recording.

5) This Week's Webinars

- [What Should Our Nonprofit Do For Our Next Fundraising Event](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1
- [Sleep Awareness and Mental Health](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1
- [Protecting the #FReadom to Read](#) - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1
- [Begin Your Day With a Positive Habit](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2
- [Introduction to Strategic Planning for Public Libraries](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2
- [4 Steps to Break Through Burnout](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, March 3
- [Increase Retention and Relationships with Employees](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 3
- [Facing the Challenge: Intellectual Freedom in Libraries](#) - 1 p.m. on Friday, March 4