



1) Spring Webinar Series

Wisconsin Valley Library Service, Northern Waters Library Service, Southwest Wisconsin Library System and the IFLS Library System are excited to announce a Spring Webinar Series.

Each webinar will be worth 1 contact hour for public library certification, and they will be recorded for later viewing. Registration is now open for all three webinars.

- [Enhancing Your Workplace Culture](#) - Tuesday, April 19, 12 p.m.
- [Where Does the Money Come From? Public Library Funding in Wisconsin](#) - Thursday, April 28, 1 p.m.
- [Public Libraries and Fake News: How to Educate and Connect With Your Community](#) - Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m.

For more information, see the [WVLS Digital Lite blog post](#), or contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

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.

- [Antigo](#), [Crandon](#), [Minocqua](#), [Owen](#), [Rib Lake](#), and [Withee](#) 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) Aspen Training Sessions This Week

WVLS will offer two Aspen training sessions on **Wednesday, March 16**.

- [Aspen Q & A Session for Library Staff](#) 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Aspen Materials Request / Purchase Suggestions](#) 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact Katie at ils.admin@wvls.org for more information.

4) WLA Conference Committee Accepting Proposals

The Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference Programming Committee seeks proposals for the next conference to be held November 1-4, 2022 at the Grand Geneva Hotel in Lake Geneva.

The theme for this year's conference is "Rising to the Challenge." Libraries are encouraged to share practical strategies and inspiring projects from their corner of the library world. Proposals for presentations, panels, and workshops are welcome.

Sessions will run 45 minutes in length (with a limited number of 90 minutes sessions available) and with a maximum of four presenters. [Submit your proposal](#) by Monday, April 25.

5) This Week's Webinars

- [Tools for Tense Situations & Challenging Patrons](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15
- [Accessible Social Media 2.0](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15
- Can You See Me? [Collection Development for Marginalized Communities](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16
- [Curating & Maintaining Vibrant Collections for Users with Print Disabilities](#) - 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 17
- [How to be an Ally to Jewish Patrons and Students \(Even in a Non-Jewish Neighborhood\)](#) - 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 20

6) Save the Date for SSCS Conference

The SSCS (Support Staff and Circulation Services) Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, May 26 at the Waunakee Public Library, with a virtual option also available!

Has pandemic-era library work sapped your enthusiasm and passion for your job? Join us for our conference: Live Well, Serve Well: Rediscovering Your Passion for Service! The keynote speaker, Bob McGrath of UW-Madison, will talk about how to remain resilient in times of stress. Registration opens on April 18.

Are you interested in speaking at the conference? The conference committee is looking for library staff that have found creative and joyful ways to serve users, while also taking care of their own mental health and passion for their work.

Email Elizabeth Clauss at eclauss@waupl.org with any questions, or [fill out the online application form to submit a proposal](#). Proposals are due by April 15.