



1) 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.

- [Colby](#), [MCPL](#), and [Thorp](#) 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.
- WVLS anticipates the Classic V-Cat Catalog will be converted to the Aspen Discovery interface in April.

Aspen Training Session Recordings are Now Available

Recordings are now available for last week's Aspen Training sessions:

- [Aspen Q & A Session for Library Staff](#)
- [Aspen Materials Request / Purchase Suggestions](#)

2) New Digital Byte: Unpleasant Conversations

Do you need to have an uncomfortable conversation and are concerned that it might not go well? In this Digital Byte, Jamie offers some helpful tips. [Watch it here](#).

3) Courier Reminder

When sending library materials through courier, please remember to not use tape on any library materials. Rubber bands are preferred. If you have any questions, please contact courier@wvls.org.

4) March Newsletter

The [WVLS March Newsletter](#) is now available. Some features include:

- MCPL Launches "Little Art"
- 'From Page to Film' in Colby
- Antigo's Stockbox Program a Success

Thank you to Dan Richter, Vicky Calmes and Dominic Frandrup for this month's contributions!

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org to feature something from your library in a future newsletter.

5) Successful Summer Reading Program School Visits

Each community and school library is unique. This means your community will have its own recipe for a successful summer reading program (SRP) visit. Consider these tips and ideas when planning your visits! [Read more](#) from the 'Wisconsin Libraries Are For Everyone' blog.

6) 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 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.

7) 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.

8) This Week's Webinars

- [\(Re\)Developing Inclusive & Diverse Library Collections](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, March 21
- [Coping with Stress Through Journaling](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22
- [Eliminating Personal Burnout: 7 Crucial Skills](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23
- [Making Your Library's Accessible Resources More Discoverable](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23
- [Let's Talk About Plain Language](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, March 24