



1) Aspen Updates

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.

- [Abbotsford](#), [Neillsville](#) and [Rhineland](#) 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 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.

2) Save the Dates for Spring Webinars

The final details of a spring webinar series are in progress. The series is based on a continuing education survey that went out to WVLS member libraries in January.

- 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.

Watch for more details and registration information in next week's Monday Mentions.

3) 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.

4) Spring 2022 Election Resources

Voters depend upon libraries as a trusted source for impartial information about candidates, election dates and voter registration! Below are links to resources about the April 5 spring election to share with library patrons:

[Wisconsin League of Women Voters](#)

[Vote 411](#)

[Wisconsin Elections Commission](#)

What will the new Wisconsin Senate, Assembly and Congressional District boundaries look like?

Patrons may be asking for information about the new legislative redistricting maps following the 2020 census and wondering whether changing boundaries will affect voters in your area. On March 3, the Wisconsin Supreme Court justices selected legislative and congressional districts submitted by the Governor over the ones drawn by Republicans holding a majority in the legislature. While the 4-3 ruling is likely to be appealed to federal courts where further changes could be made, detailed maps chosen by the Wisconsin justices can be found at the links below.

[03-03-22 WI Assembly maps](#)

[03-03-22 WI Senate maps](#)

[03-03-22 Congressional maps](#)

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel also published an online set of maps that are searchable by location and compare the current 2011 district boundaries with the ones chosen on March 3. [See how Wisconsin redistricting changes your voting map.](#)

5) Digital Byte

In the latest WVLS Digital Byte, Jamie shares an audio content tool called Mote. How does it work and how can it be used in library collaboration? [Watch it here.](#)

6) This Week's Webinars

- [Engaging in Sensitive Conversations & Handling Pushback](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9
- [Designing Effective Library Signage](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9
- [Taking Care of Self, Staff, and Community](#) - 2pm on Thursday, Mar 10

7) Reminders

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**
Topic: De-escalation Skills: Practical Tools and Techniques
Thursday, March 10; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

This session will include: surveys to get feedback on training material, several Q&A breaks so participants can ask for clarification, and 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.

- **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>

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