



1) WVLS Seeks Technology Support Specialist

WVLS is seeking an innovative, knowledgeable, customer service- and team-oriented individual to provide professional and courteous technical support on computer hardware and software, peripherals, and handheld devices, onsite and remotely, to 35 public library service outlets in its 7-county central Wisconsin service area.

[More information is available on the WVLS website.](#) Applications received by Friday, July 29 will receive first consideration. The position will remain open until a qualified candidate is determined.

2) Upcoming Meetings & Events

- There are two V-Cat committee meetings this week. The agendas and meeting log-ins are below.
 - [V-Cat Bibliographic / Interface Committee](#) - Tuesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - [V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee](#) - Thursday, July 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Aspen Open Hours - EBSCOhost Articles and Databases**
 - Wednesday July 20, 9 - 11 a.m.
 - [Meeting link](#)

3) July Newsletter

[The WVLS July Newsletter](#) is now available. Features include:

- Granton Combined Library Celebrates 10 Years
- MCPL's Renovations: One Year Later
- 10 Things to Know About: Virginia Woods Roberts

If your library would like something featured in the August newsletter, submit it to Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org by Friday, July 29.

4) Save the Dates: Youth Events

- Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association 101—Library Edition (IFLS webinar) Thursday, August 18; 1 - 2:30 p.m. [Register Here](#)

Late summer is often a time when families are making decisions about the upcoming school year, particularly about homeschooling. Sometimes they turn to public libraries for information and resources to help them make this decision. To help us get ready, Rebecca Ahl from the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association (WHPA) will provide us with an overview of

homeschooling in Wisconsin, Wisconsin laws and resources, and information about the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association. There will be ample time for questions and discussion. This session will be recorded and available until September 1 for viewing. This webinar will provide 1 contact hour for public library director certification.

- Middle Grade Author Claire Swinarski Visit and Youth Social at MCPL on Saturday, September 24
Librarian social 2 p.m.; Author presentation 2:30 p.m.

As part of the sixth annual Central Wisconsin Book Festival, author Claire Swinarski is presenting on writing middle grade and what makes a great middle grade book for local public and school librarians. [You can read more about Claire's books here.](#)

Come at 2 p.m. for a librarian social before the presentation and play with tables of makerspace kits. A tour of the MCPL youth spaces will follow the presentation.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [5 Skills to Help You Feel Unstuck](#) - 12 pm on Wednesday, July 13
- [There's a Week for That: Exploring Federal Government Resources for Diverse Weekly Celebrations](#) - 1 pm on Thursday, July 14
- [Weed 'Em and Reap: Getting Your Collection from Awful to Awesome](#) - 2 pm on Thursday, July 14
- [Emotional Skills: Beyond Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart*](#) - 6 pm on Thursday, July 14

6) Reminders

- **Mental Illness: In Their Own Words**

Thursday, July 14; 1 - 2 p.m.

Watch Ryan's interviews with several brave people who are dealing with mental illness (schizophrenia, bipolar, personality disorders, etc.) and are willing to share about their struggles. Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. Recordings of the live trainings will be available via Zoom for four weeks.

- **Tech Days' Webinar Series Now Open**

Learn from tech experts without having to travel! Tech Days 2022 is a two-day webinar series on Sept. 20-21. Go to techdayswisc.org to find descriptions of the webinar sessions, read about the presenters, and [register](#) for the sessions. All webinars will be recorded and captioned.

There is no fee to attend Tech Days, thanks to sponsorship by all 16 library systems and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Public Library Development Team, with funding support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.