



1) Upcoming Meetings

There are three upcoming V-Cat committee meetings. Agendas and connecting links will be available on the pages below before each meeting.

- [V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee](#) - Friday, July 8 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [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 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

2) '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.

- Overcoming the Email Avalanche: Three Steps to an Empty Inbox
- Making Your Images Ready for the Web
- Canva for Teachers and Librarians
- What's on the Technology Horizon for 2023

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.

3) Next Ryan Dowd Training: Mental Illness

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. You'll hear:

- How they were diagnosed
- What their "bad days" look like
- What they wish people knew about their illness

Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration links. Recordings of the live trainings will be available via Zoom for four weeks.

4) Upcoming Webinars

- [Making Diversity, Equity and Inclusion a Reality at Your Org](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6
- [Compliant Hiring Best Practices: Removing Bias and Discrimination](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6
- [5 Skills to Help You Feel Unstuck](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13

5) WAPL to Sponsor Virtual Library Hunt

The Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) unit of WLA is planning a scavenger hunt for Wisconsin public libraries and would appreciate participation.

WAPL is looking for facts and information about your library that library workers can track via searching the internet, or by calling or chatting with your staff. [Please use this form](#) to submit your library factoids.

6) NLS Launches Braille-on-Demand Pilot Project

As part of its braille modernization initiative, the National Library Service (NLS) launched the Braille-on-Demand pilot project on June 20.

This project will allow active NLS patrons to request and receive one hard-copy braille title per month, which they can retain for their personal use. If an individual who is not registered as a patron submits an order, NLS will refer the individual to their local network library to begin the process of becoming a patron.

Braille titles will be limited to books that are currently available on BARD, the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download service. At this time, requests are limited to one book per patron per month. The form to request a braille-on-demand book [can be found here](#).

7) WISL Awarding WLA Conference Scholarships

Applications for the Wisconsin Small Libraries (WISL) Continuing Education scholarship to the WLA Conference (Nov. 1-4 in Lake Geneva) are open! WISL will be awarding **two \$250 scholarships** to WLA members to go towards lodging, registration, meals, mileage, or other expenses related to attending the WLA Conference.

Applicants must attend the full conference and:

- Be employed by a library with a service population of under 6,000 or fewer than 4 FTE
- Be willing to share the knowledge gained at the conference
- Be a WLA member and join the WISL section

[Applications are due on August 1.](#)

8) Caring for Library Materials

In its recent newsletter, the L.E. Phillips Memorial Library (Eau Claire) shared a post on its staff blog about [how to care for library materials](#). Feel free to share this with your patrons or amongst staff.

9) Reminders

- The WVLS V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee needs to hear from you!
 - Please complete [this survey about Sierra item statuses](#) by Wednesday, July 6 (repeat request)
 - Please complete [this survey about your library's practices for converting juvenile patrons to adult patrons](#) by Wednesday, July 6.