



1) New Digital Byte on Legal Reference Interviews

In the latest Digital Byte, Carol Hassler from the Wisconsin State Law Library talks about handling legal reference questions. This is part one of a five-part series. [Watch it here.](#)

2) Upcoming Meetings and Events

- The next **V-Cat Council meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 1 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. [See the website](#) for meeting materials.
- **Delivery service will not run on Monday, September 5** (Labor Day), and will resume service on Tuesday, September 6.
- The next **V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee** meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. [See the website](#) for meeting materials.
- WVLS member library directors received a **“Mobile Hotspot Request” survey** from Josh Klingbeil via email on Tuesday, August 23. Please complete it as soon as possible or ask Josh if you have questions, cio@wvls.org.

3) Next Ryan Dowd Training: Police Talk

Thursday, September 8; 1 - 2 p.m.

Ryan will be conducting an live interview with retired police Chief Kristen Ziman about:

- Being a police chief during a mass shooting
- The future of law enforcement after #BLM
- How your organization can utilize law enforcement

Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. Recordings of the live training will be available online for four weeks.

4) WLA Annual Award Nominations Deadline

The deadline to nominate a colleague for a Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) annual award is Thursday, September 15. Nominees do not need to be WLA members for consideration.

More information about the awards can be found [here](#).

5) Consumer Protection Outreach Available

Consumer scams and Identity theft are at an all-time high, and criminals are always changing tactics. The role at the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection is to share what is known about these challenges and help people of all walks of life protect themselves.

Outreach Specialists Jeff Kersten and Ben Merens Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection are available to share this information anywhere in the state, both physically and virtually, to help keep library communities informed. The presentations are around 60 minutes, done at no charge, and have handouts provided for attendees. [Read more](#).

6) Fall Webinar Series Now Open

So much of library work requires advocacy—for resources, for funding, for staff, for communities, and much more, yet many of us feel ill-equipped or reluctant to take on this role. In this virtual workshop series, we will engage in interactive activities designed to help you find your voice, tame your inner critic, and overcome imposter syndrome. The webinars will be held:

- 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9 (Space is limited)
- 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15 (Space is limited)
- 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7

[Read more and register](#).

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Today's Digital Fundraising Trends, and How to Apply Them to Your Nonprofit](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30
- [Things to Avoid When Launching Your Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Initiative](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30
- [Emerging Tech Trends in 2022 and Beyond](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30
- [5 PowerPoint Myths Busted](#) - 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31
- [How to Give Feedback and Performance Reviews Like a Coach](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31
- [Novelist Plus Overview](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sep. 1
- [The Power of Body Language](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep. 6

8) Reminders

- **Wisconsin Trustee Training Week** occurred last week, and the webinars are now posted. [Feel free to share this page and links](#) with your library trustees and friends.
- **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.