



1) Survey on Continuing Education Topics

Here is your opportunity to tell WVLS more about professional development needed at your library. Your responses will help shape and develop the offerings in your region and the state. Click on the [2022 WI Public Libraries CE Topics Survey](#) and select topics in areas of interest. You can also suggest topics that are not listed. The survey should not take longer than 10 minutes. Submit your responses by Friday, October 28.

Contact Laurie Freund (ljfreund@bridgeslibrarysystem.org) if there are issues with the survey.

2) Meetings This Week

- **V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee Meeting** - Thursday, October 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. An agenda and meeting connection information will be available on the [V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee page](#) of the WVLS website ahead of the meeting.
- **V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee Meeting** - Friday, October 14 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. An agenda and meeting connection information will be available on the [V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee page](#) of the WVLS website ahead of the meeting.

3) Recorded Webinar Available on Tech Questions

WVLS has a new recorded webinar posted, "Infinite Tech Questions...Itty-Bitty Working Space," presented by Teresa Schmidt of the Mercer Public Library.

The Mercer Public Library is known for its strong technology help services, regularly providing patrons with computer classes, technology appointments, and Q&A sessions to answer questions about their smartphones, tablets, computers, and other gadgets. Some small libraries assume that it takes a particularly tech-savvy staff member to be able to provide patron tech help, but there are many steps that any library can take to provide this useful service for their patrons. This webinar will include tips and tricks for any public library that wants to formalize a tech help program for adult library patrons. [View it here](#).

4) October Newsletter Available

The [WVLS October Newsletter](#) is now available. Features Include the upcoming youth services workshop,

book grants being awarded, reading to dogs, and more. Libraries that would like to submit something for the November newsletter should contact Jamie @ jmatczak@wvls.org by Tuesday, October 25.

5) WLA Conference Bus

WVLS has a bus reserved for the WLA Conference in Lake Geneva. The bus will depart from the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, and depart Lake Geneva after the morning sessions are finished, around 11:30 am on Friday, November 4.

There are ramps near MCPL where people can leave cars. WVLS members can reserve a spot at no cost. Spots are available first-come, first-served. Contact Brenda Walenton at bwalenton@wvls.org by Monday, October 24, to reserve a spot.

6) IEEE Grant Opportunity

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant project is offering up to \$2,000 per library in funding for public libraries across the Midwest for 2023.

The grant is focused on the creation of a circulating science kit collection for primary and secondary education students (K-12). Applications will be accepted from public libraries in the IEEE Region 4 from November 1, 2022–January 16, 2023. Those libraries which have previously applied for the grant but have not received funding are invited to submit again. For grant program details, [visit the SKPL website](#). Contact Doug DeBoer (Douglas.DeBoer@Dordt.edu) with any questions.

7) BadgerLink Training Schedule

This fall, join BadgerLink trainer, Jen Champoux for a webinar series on BadgerLink resources. Each session will include a 20-minute brief overview of the resource(s), with 10 minutes for questions at the end. [View it here](#).

8) Upcoming Webinars

- Walking the Talk: [A Practical Framework for Leading Toward Equity](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 11
- [Welcoming Transgender Customers and Colleagues](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 11
- [People-Centered Fundraising for Your Library](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct 12
- [Accessibility in Your Library](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 12
- [Listen. Let Go. and Live:](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct 13
- [Where Does Resilience Come From?](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct 17

9) Reminders

- **V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training** – Attaching items to bib records
Wednesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | [Registration Link](#) | [Training Link](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of attaching item records to existing bib records in the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who are new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in refresher training.