



1) Holiday Closures

- The WVLS Office will be closed on the following: Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2023.
- Delivery/courier service will not be running on the following: Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2023.
- Monday Mentions will not be posted the week of Monday, December 26. During the week of Monday, January 2, 2023, it will be posted on Tuesday, January 3.

2) ILS Updates

- **Product demonstrations for Sierra are on Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15.** Both dates will be presented online and will be recorded. All library staff who use Sierra are encouraged to attend and complete a post-demonstration survey. Demonstrations will be split into separate modules and staff can attend or view portions of interest. See the [detailed schedule with meeting links](#). For the Sierra post demonstration survey, Sierra screenshots, and more information, visit the [V-Cat ILS Demonstrations page](#).
- **Koha and Carl product demonstration recordings are available.** All library staff who use Sierra are encouraged to view demonstration sessions of interest and complete post demonstration surveys by Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Recordings are split into separate modules so that staff can attend portions of interest. Links for recordings and surveys are available on the [V-Cat ILS Demonstrations page](#).

3) Delivery Tracking in January

For a week in April 2022, public libraries in Wisconsin tracked incoming and outgoing delivery materials. All public library systems will be asking its member libraries to track materials again for a week in January 2023. Watch for more information in an upcoming Monday Mentions.

4) Webinar on Records Management

The third and final WVLS recorded webinar for 2022 is now posted! "[Management and Retention of Public Library Records](#)," presented by Shannon Schultz, shares information on keeping and trashing digital and paper files that could be considered public record. This presentation is worth 1 contact hour toward public library certification.

5) December Inclusive Services Update

The December Inclusive Services Update [is now available on the WVLS website](#). The update covers resources, continuing education, and how to celebrate the holidays inclusively.

6) Input Needed on Surveys

- Wisconsin DPI is applying for a federal “**Affordable Connectivity Program**” (ACP) Outreach Grant,” which would enable participating libraries to expand the hours of one or more of their staff and to help low-income residents find the most affordable internet service available to them. The designated library staff -- “Internet Enrollment Guides” -- would promote the program locally, conduct registration events at the library monthly or more often, and assist walk-ins as needed. Guides would get training and support from a statewide coordinator, also hired by the grant. The DPI would like to gauge the interest of libraries around the state in participating in this program. Libraries who are interested should [take the one-minute survey](#).
- [WiLS is conducting a survey](#) on the **Data Landscape Project**. They will be hosting three virtual focus groups in January 2023, with each running 60-90 minutes.

7) Registration Open for ‘Wild Wisconsin’ Conference

Registration is now open for the [11th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#), on January 25-26, 2023. Fourteen sessions will be available in four different tracks, including Management, Marketing, Reference & Reader's Advisory (new), and Sustainability (new).

All 14 conference sessions will be captioned and recorded in the event people are unable to attend the live session. Each session is worth 1 contact hour for public library certification.

8) Upcoming Webinars

- [Learn About Google Secrets](#) - 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12
- [December CCBC Shorts](#): Books for Children and Teens - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14

9) Reminders

- **Next Ryan Dowd Training: Homeless De-Escalation 201: Nonverbal Tools That Eliminate Conflict**
Thursday, December 15; 1 p.m.
Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available via Zoom for four weeks.
- **The ALSC Programs and Services Recognition committee** is now accepting applications for the 2023 ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant! Applications and supporting materials, including the required timeline, budget, and signature form are due by December 22nd, 2022. The grant is open to any project that seeks to engage an underserved population of children from birth up to the age of 14. [Visit the ALSC website](#) for more information and to apply.