



1) Upcoming Events

- The **next session of Gale Courses** begins on Wednesday, January 18. Courses are available in language learning, music, photography, Microsoft products, writing, and more. [Check out the entire course catalog here.](#)
- There is a hybrid (online or in-person) **Wisconsin Library Association Youth Services Section gathering** from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19. Attendees can join in person at the public library in Marshfield or join online. [More details can be found on the Youth Services Blog.](#)
- The **IFLS/WVLS Youth Services Check-in** has been rescheduled from 1 - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24. The topic is "Collection Confidential." Attendees are encouraged to share questions and insights related to: managing different formats, weeding, promotion, hot items, conducting an audit, and more. [Join the check-in here.](#)
- The 11th Annual **Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference** is next week on Wednesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 26. Registration is open to anyone to attend these webinars. Each presentation is worth 1 contact hour for public library certification. [Register on the conference website.](#)

2) Library Closure Survey for Early 2023

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from January - July 2023. This will assist WVLS staff on adjusting due dates in Sierra and informing Waltco about courier. [Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Monday, January 23.

3) NICE Team Seeks Feedback

Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) and Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) have formed the [Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration \(NICE\) project](#). The two systems were awarded a Wisconsin LSTA Improved Discovery Solutions Grant to engage in a comprehensive joint consortium exploration project to determine the value and feasibility of shared Integrated Library System (ILS) software.

The next step for the project is to get thoughtful feedback from our member libraries. This survey is intended to help identify benefits, potential concerns, and ideal conditions related to a merged ILS platform and/or consortia. Thoughtful feedback from our members is extremely important.

[Please complete the survey](#) by Friday, January 27.

4) OverDrive App To End After April

The OverDrive App will no longer be available after April 2023. Please suggest that patrons access the Libby app as soon as possible. After the OverDrive app is sunset, users who try to access a library's collection in the OverDrive app will receive a message suggesting the Libby app. Contact Rachel Metzler at rmetzler@wvls.org for questions.

5) WVLS January Newsletter

The [WVLS January Newsletter](#) is now available. Features include: WAPL Conference Accepting Program Proposals, MCPL Aquarium Celebrates 10 Years, Delivery Reminders This Month, WVLS Awards WEMTA Scholarships, NICE Update.

Libraries who would like to submit something in the February newsletter should contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org by Friday, January 27.

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [First Amendment Audits: What You Need to Know](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18
- [How Libraries Can Help Non-Profits Thrive](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18
- [Level Up Your Book Displays](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18
- [Re-energize Volunteer Engagement](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19
- [Canva for Beginners](#) - 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23

7) Reminders

- The **Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference Planning Committee is now accepting proposals** for this year's conference which will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh on April 26-28. WAPL is the Wisconsin Public Library Association, a division of the Wisconsin Library Association. The conference programming committee is accepting conference proposals until January 20. Those who offer submissions will be notified of the committee's selections by Friday, January 27. [Click here to learn more!](#)
- **WVLS libraries should track delivery** for one week this month. This data will be used to study trends and delivery efficiencies among systems. [Please enter the data on this spreadsheet.](#) Note there are separate columns for "drop off" and "pick up." For counting bags: If you have 5-8 bags, that counts as 1 bin. If a library has 4 or less bags, they do not need to include it in the tally. If a library does not have anything incoming or outgoing on a certain day, write "0" in the column. This data should be completed by Friday, January 27. Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.