



### 1) Upcoming Events and Reminders.

- 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.](#)
- 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 Walco about courier. [Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Monday, January 23.
- This is the final week to track delivery bins and bags. [Please enter the data on this spreadsheet.](#) This data should be completed by Friday, January 27. Contact Jamie at [jmatczak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org) if you have any questions.
- The next V-Cat Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.. An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) beforehand.

### 2) 'Wild Wisconsin' Conference This Week

The 11th Annual Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference is this Wednesday and Thursday. This is an opportunity to attend a live presentation and ask questions of library experts from all over the country, without having to leave your library. [Register on the conference website.](#)

### 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) Request for Information Regarding BadgerNet

Late last week, DOA/TEACH sent out notices to library system technology managers of changes coming to BadgerNet, along with a request for information and confirmation of continuance of service for another

year. LEANWI technology partners are working to fill out answers for the 100+ libraries in our BadgerNet service context.

Joshua Klingbeil from WVLS will be sending emails to each BadgerNet-serviced library (all except MCPL and Granton) requesting confirmation of continuation. This is to ensure WVLS has documented responses. The emails will go directly to library administrators.

## **5) New Digital Byte**

In this Digital Byte, Jamie talks about tips for attending WLA's Library Legislative Day next month.

[Watch it here.](#)

## **6) Libby Webinar Available Next Week**

With the Overdrive app no longer available after April, now is a great time to learn how to train your community Libby. Join the Overdrive staff at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31 for a step-by-step training guide and marketing materials. [Register now!](#)

## **7) Social Media Marketing**

There are general signs that social media is not holding the audience's attention as it once did. In this episode, marketing expert Angela Hursh shares predictions and the four things libraries can do now to move away from dependence on social media. [Watch it here.](#)

## **8) Reminders**

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](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org) for questions.