



1) 2023 WLA Library Legislative Day

[Registration is now open](#) for WLA Library Legislative Day in Madison on Tuesday, February 7, 2023! Because 2023 is a state budget-producing year, WVLS would like to have at least two representatives from each county participating. Newcomers are welcome. Here are more details:

- WVLS is offering \$300 scholarships for library staff and trustees to attend. The scholarship will cover registration (\$28), one night of lodging, mileage to and from WVLS, a dinner stipend on February 6 and lunch stipend on February 7. [The deadline to apply for the scholarship](#) is Thursday, January 12. Recipients will be announced on Friday, January 13.
- WLA has reserved a courtesy block of rooms at the Madison Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison. WVLS staff will be staying at Premier Park Best Western.
- WVLS has secured a bus to take library supporters to the event. The bus will leave the Marathon County Public Library (Wausau) parking lot at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 6 and depart Madison the following day by 4 p.m.
- WVLS will arrange for its own briefing session via Zoom the week before Library Legislative Day. Information for the LLD brief will be shared at a later date.

If you have questions about the WVLS scholarship opportunity, upcoming LLD brief, or WLA's LLD event, contact Kris Adams Wendt at kawendt@wvls.org.

2) WVLS Seeks Technology Support Specialist

WVLS is seeking an innovative, knowledgeable, customer service- and team-oriented individual to provide professional and courteous technical support on computer hardware and software, peripherals, and handheld devices, onsite and remotely, to 35 public library service outlets in its 7-county central Wisconsin service area.

[More information is available on the WVLS website.](#) The position will remain open until a qualified candidate is determined.

3) Feedback Needed on ILS Product Demonstrations

The V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee wants your input about Sierra and alternatives! Koha, Carl and Sierra product demonstration recordings are available on the [V-Cat ILS Demonstrations page](#). (Please reach out to ils.admin@wvls.org if you need the password.)

Recordings are split into separate modules so that staff can attend one or more sessions of interest. All library staff who use Sierra are encouraged to view records and complete post-demonstration surveys on sessions they viewed by Tuesday, January 10. Please encourage staff at your library to participate.

4) WAPL Conference Accepting Program Proposals

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!](#)

5) Delivery Tracking This Month

Public libraries in Wisconsin will track incoming and outgoing delivery materials for one week in January. This data will be used to study trends and delivery efficiencies among systems.

WVLS libraries/branches should track incoming and outgoing bins and bags for one week. For example, a library that receives delivery on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday is considered "one week." Libraries can choose which week in January they want to track.

[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, 2023. Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Tips to Effectively Lead Your Hybrid Meetings](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4
- [Book Talk: New Year, Balanced Life](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10
- [7 Non-Obvious Traits of Top Teams](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11
- [Engaging the Volunteer of the Future](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11

7) Reminders

WISCAT will not require participating libraries to pay a participation fee for 2023. Participating libraries should confirm their participation and willingness to follow guidelines. This will ensure patrons receive their materials in a timely manner and create the best possible customer service. Open the [WISCAT Membership Agreement](#), fill it out and submit. This membership agreement must be signed and received by the Library Services Team at DPI by Tuesday, January 31. Questions about this document should be directed to wiscat@dpi.wi.gov.