



## 1) Upcoming Events and Reminders.

- **V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Open Hours Training**

Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Library staff who want to learn to create record lists to review and update patron, item or bibliographic record information, or for collection maintenance are encouraged to attend.

Attendees can bring questions about how to use the Sierra Create Lists function to query the database using saved queries, and how to export record data to Excel.

[Registration Link](#) [Training Session Link](#)

## 2) WVLS February Newsletter

February 14th is usually a day where people exchange cards, candies, jewelry, and gifts. In its February newsletter, WVLS features ways some of its member libraries love and support people in their communities. [Read it here.](#)

Libraries who have submissions for the March newsletter should send them to Jamie by Monday, February 28.

## 3) 'Book Fest' Set for May 1-2

WVLS and the Rhinelander District Library are pleased to announce that the Children's Book Fest will be held in-person this year! Now in its 35th year, this year's event will be held May 1-2 at the Pines Event Center in Rhinelander.

Attendees can browse recommended youth and teen titles published in 2022 made available through the Children's Cooperative Book Center (CCBC). Stay for the CCBC presentation "Current Trends in Children's Literature and the Best New Books of 2022" and learn how its nationally renowned Intellectual Freedom Information Services can help your library.

Books will be available for purchase on site. The cost to attend Book Fest is \$15. [Register here to attend.](#)

## 4) Group Purchasing Supply Order

The IFLS Library System has generously invited WVLS and Northern Waters Library Service member libraries to participate in their annual bulk library supply order. Libraries interested should follow the instructions [on this document](#) from Kathy Setter on the IFLS staff. The order form needs to be sent to Kathy at [setter@ifls.lib.wi.us](mailto:setter@ifls.lib.wi.us) by Friday, February 24.

Thank you to IFLS and Kathy Setter for including WVLS and NWLS member libraries in this opportunity!

## 5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Over-servicing at your Library](#) - 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14
- [Creative Volunteer Recognition Strategies](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14
- [Health Insurance Literacy and Older Adults](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15
- [Best Practices in Programming for Adults with Developmental Disabilities](#) - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16

## 6) Reminders

- Applications are now being accepted for the newly revamped **WLA Leadership Development Institute!** The 2023 Leadership Development Institute (LDI) is a highly immersive training program designed specifically for our profession. Based on feedback from past Institute participants, current membership, and including recommendations from UW-Madison Extension instructors, the 2023 LDI program curriculum has been refreshed with updated content and a new format (a mix of in-person and virtual sessions) designed to make the program more inclusive. [Read more.](#)
- All Wisconsin public library directors should have been sent an email regarding a **Public Library Staff Compensation Survey** from the Qualtrics survey platform. This survey is part of a Library Services Technology Act-funded (LSTA) library staff compensation study coordinated by the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW) and is being performed by Carlson Dettmann Consulting. Library directors who did not receive the survey should reach out to [alyssa.woltring@carlsondettmann.com](mailto:alyssa.woltring@carlsondettmann.com).

The survey will be open through March 17 and should take most libraries around 20 minutes to complete. Detailed instructions, including a video demonstration on how to fill out the survey, were included with the email announcement.