1) Meetings Next Week

- V-Cat Bibliographic / Interface Committee Meeting
  Tuesday, March 7: 10 am - 12 p.m.
- V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training - Attaching Items
  Wednesday, March 8 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Link to register
  This training will introduce and review the process of attaching item records to existing bib records in the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog materials or add items in Sierra. Link to attend
- V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee Meeting
  Thursday, March 9: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee Meeting
  Friday, March 10: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

2) ALA Conference Scholarships Available

WVLS is awarding scholarships to area library staff to attend the national 2023 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference.

The 2023 ALA Annual Conference will be held in Chicago and will run from June 22-27. As the world's largest library event, the ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition brings together thousands of librarians and library staff, educators, authors, publishers, friends of libraries, trustees, special guests, and exhibitors.

Valued at $3,800, this WVLS ALA Conference scholarship includes registration, lodging, round-trip mileage and meals. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the entire conference.

The scholarship application deadline is by 12 p.m. CST on Monday, March 13. Download and submit an application.

3) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Jamie talks about the ways WVLS member librarians can find professional development opportunities. Watch it here.

4) Privacy Tutorials for Front-Line Staff and Managers Now Available

Wisconsin public library workers now have access to a tutorial covering the basics of privacy and public libraries, with specific attention to Wisconsin laws. These tutorials were created by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's iSchool, and are sponsored by Wisconsin Public Library Systems with support from

the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

- [Privacy and Wisconsin Public Libraries Tutorial for Front-Line Staff](#): This tutorial includes three modules. Each module consists of a short (8-9 minute) video, links to additional reading, and a short comprehension quiz. The goal is to help front-line staff understand the reasons behind privacy policies and laws, as well as learning how to interact effectively with library users about privacy.
- [Privacy and Wisconsin Public Libraries Tutorial for Managers and Directors](#): Library directors and managers can access a short tutorial with suggestions for working with staff, creating policies, and other administrative tasks related to protecting patron privacy. Completion certificates are available.

Contact Anne Hamland ahamland@wvls.org with questions, or if you have any difficulty accessing the tutorials.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Managing Escalated Patron Situations](#) - 3 p.m. on Tues. February 28
- [Serving Homeschooling Families in Your Community](#) - 1 p.m. on Wed. March 1

6)   Reminders

Workforce Development Workshop: The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and its partners are hosting an in-person workshop Friday, March 10 to discuss resources and networking opportunities available for library staff. Those who attend will learn about multiple workforce development and wraparound service initiatives, tools, resources, and best practices for forming local partnerships, from the Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management (WISHRM), and the Portage Area Workforce & Service Connection.

Space is limited and [early registration](#) prior to the March 3 deadline is encouraged. Questions about the workshop, registration or particular accommodations may be directed to DPI Public Library Consultant Chris Baker (chris.baker@dpi.wi.gov) or South Central Library staff member Mark Jochem (mjochem@scls.info).