



### 1) WAPL Conference Registration Open

Registration is now open for the [2023 Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries \(WAPL\) Conference!](#) This educational and fun event will take place April 26 - 28 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh.

Keynote speakers include notable Wisconsin authors [Lori M. Lee](#), [B.J. Hollars](#), and [Maggie Ginsberg](#). More than 30 breakout sessions and special events are part of the conference.

[Early bird registration](#) closes on Friday, March 27.

### 2) Public Libraries Asked to Complete Facility Analysis Survey

The Winding Rivers Library System (WRLS) was recently awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant on behalf of the Wisconsin Library community to carry out an assessment of public library buildings in the state. This project will collect and organize information about library facilities in a way that will make it useful to libraries, library systems, and to the Wisconsin Division for Libraries and Technology in building the case for improved facilities.

On behalf of this project, Wisconsin public libraries are being asked to [complete a survey](#). While participation in the survey is voluntary, the more libraries that participate, the more useful the assessment will be at helping libraries address its needs. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. WVLS would love to see all of its member libraries participate.

The survey is being conducted for WRLS by FEH Design, an architecture firm with considerable public library design experience. If you have questions or encounter any difficulty, contact Bill Wilson at FEH Design ([billw@fehdesign.com](mailto:billw@fehdesign.com)).

### 3) Upcoming Webinars

- [Providing Multilingual and Multicultural Health Information](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14
- [Helping Consumers Navigate Sky-High Insurance](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15
- [10 Tips for Successful Grant Seeking Strategy](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21
- [Project Management Skills Every Employee Needs](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21

#### **4) V-Cat Training This Wednesday**

V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training  
Wednesday, March 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Link to register](#) | [Link to attend](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog. Library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in a refresher training are encouraged to attend.

#### **5) Reminders**

All Wisconsin public library directors received an email request to complete a Public Library Staff Compensation Survey from the Qualtrics survey platform in February. The Compensation Survey supports the DPI's 2023-2027 LSTA goal to support the recruitment and retention of library staff, including administrative, professional, and support roles, reflecting their diverse communities.

The survey will be open through Friday, March 17 and should take 20 minutes to complete.. Before taking the survey, take a moment to review the following tutorials.

- [Job Classification Descriptions - Survey Order](#)
- [Job Classification Descriptions- Alphabetically](#)
- [Survey Tutorial Video \(Who, What, When, Where, & Why\)](#)