



1) Upcoming Events

- **V-Cat Sierra Z39.50 Cataloging Training**
Wednesday, March 22 from 10 am – 12 pm
[Link to register](#) | [Link to attend](#)
Attendees will learn how to use Z39.50 to connect to OCLC to search, analyze, and save bib records to the V-Cat Sierra database. Library staff must attend a MARC Alert training or approval from Rachel prior to attending.
- **Backstage Cleanup**
WVLS will be sending out a file of bib records for Backstage cleanup on Monday, March 27 by 10 a.m. Bib records should not be edited on this day. WVLS will send a reminder and an email when the process has been completed. Please share this with staff who catalog for your library.
- **Item Barcodes**
Next month, WVLS will place the Spring 2023 order for item barcodes. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand. Libraries who need barcodes should [fill out this form](#) by Friday, March 31. The next order will not be done until Fall 2023.
- **WAPL Conference**
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. More than 30 breakout sessions and special events are part of the conference. [Early bird registration](#) closes on Friday, March 27.

2) “Growing Gardens” Program Available to Libraries

Growing gardens is good for your mind, body, spirit, and budget. To assist people in finding ways to grow nutritious food and beautiful landscapes, [We Energies](#) has teamed up with gardening expert [Melinda Myers](#). Together, they will produce and provide Wisconsin Public Libraries with free “Grow Budget-Wise, Beautiful Gardens Anywhere” educational program content for this growing season. The content and programming will be made available to libraries at no cost. Libraries may offer the programs and content to patrons throughout the months of April through September 2023. [Read more.](#)

3) New Makerspace Equipment Available

SHOTBOX is now available for booking in the WVLS Makerspace/Equipment Collection.

The SHOTBOX is a Collapsible Tabletop Photo Light Studio that uses high powered LEDs to create a perfectly lit “micro-studio” environment to get great images with any camera, including smart devices.

Check out the [WVLS Makerspace webpage](#) for information on how to book equipment.

4) Badgerlink Training This Week

This spring, a webinar series will be offered on BadgerLink resources. All sessions will be recorded and posted if attendees cannot attend live. The first webinar on Tuesday, March 21 at 12 p.m. will cover Britannica. [View the schedule and register for the Badgerlink trainings.](#)

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [10 Tips and Tricks for a Successful Grant Seeking Strategy](#), 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21
- [Project Management Skills Every Employee Needs](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21
- [Universal Design and Universal Design for Learning Foster Inclusion, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Solutions \(IDEAS\) in Libraries](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22
- [Creating a Restorative Library Culture](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22
- [Using Excel to Manage Your Projects and Budgets](#) - 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 (1 hour tech CE credit)

6) Reminders

- 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).