



1) Upcoming Events

- **The WVLS Office is closed on Friday, April 7.** Delivery will run as scheduled.
- **The next round of [Gale Courses](#)** begin on Wednesday, April 12. Courses are available in photography, computer science, finance, business and more! Librarians who complete a Gale Course earn 24 contact hours toward public library certification. Contact Jamie (jmatczak@wvls.org) for more information.
- The next **V-Cat Council** meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. An agenda and meeting documents are available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#).
- The **V-Cat Collection Development Meet Up** will be Tuesday, April 11 from 1 - 2:30 .pm. Contact Katie (ils.admin@wvls.org) for more information.

2) 'Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race' Webinars and Workshops

This month, Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race begins year two. Participants will learn about what it takes to be an active ally. [All Wisconsin public library workers are invited](#) to continue talking about and taking action toward racial equity in our workplaces, communities, and personal relationships. Register for one or all three webinars and save the date for an in-person workshop on June 15 and 16.

- Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. [Beyond Diversity 101: Micro-inequities, Implicit Bias, and Moving Toward Equity](#)
- Thursday, May 4, 1 - 2 p.m. [How to Move Past Midwest Nice Towards Safety and Belonging](#)
- Wednesday, May 17, 1 - 2 p.m. [Build Skills & Take Action to Stand Up for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)

3) 2022 Infographic Templates Available

WVLS libraries can now create impactful visuals by using "Library Love Story" testimonials, annual report statistics, and photos. Please "make a copy" of the template before customizing the design. Share your infographics with local media, library boards, local government officials, donors and friends, community partners and more.

- Highlights, Quotes, Statistics : [2022 Infographic Template A](#)
- Quote Heavy and Statistics : [2022 Infographic Template B](#)
- Highlights and Statistics : [2022 Infographic C](#)

4) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Carol Hassler talks about how public libraries in Wisconsin facilitate access to legal aid programs and law-related resources. This is part four of a five-part series. [Watch](#).

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Creating Engaging Experiences Through Gameplay](#) – 1 p.m. on Monday, April 3
- [T\(w\)eens: Programming, Partnership, and Burnout](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5
- [Strategies and Tactics to Navigate Difficult Conversations with Confidence](#) – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5

6) ARSL Conference Scholarships

Applications for 2023 ARSL Conference Scholarships will open on Tuesday, April 4. The conference will be held on September 20-23 in Wichita, Kansas. Each year the ARSL Grants, Awards & Scholarships (GAS) Committee accepts applications for four competitive scholarships to facilitate attendance to the ARSL Conference. [Read more](#).

7) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Homeless De-Escalation 401: Managing Your Own Emotions During Conflict
Thursday, April 13; 1 p.m.

- Two strategies for staying calm when conflict starts.
- Two strategies to use after you have passed the “thinking threshold”
- How to know you’ve passed the “effectiveness threshold” and how to exit the situation.

Contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.