



1) What's New

- [The WVLS May Newsletter](#) is now available. Features include: Three Northern Library Systems Advocate for State Library Aid, Using NovelList Plus to its Fullest Potential, Colby Holds Peeps Diorama Contest, and more.
- [The May Inclusive Services Update](#) is now posted. Features include: Resources, Diverse Dates, Consumables, and Continuing Education.

2) Internet Listening Sessions

Governor Evers, together with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, announced the "Internet for All Wisconsin Listening Tour," a series of nine in-person and two virtual interactive meetings to help develop the state 5-year Action Plan and state Digital Equity Plan. These events are an opportunity for the public to share their experiences, ideas, and vision for a more connected Wisconsin. Participants can expect to learn more about the two Internet For All programs: Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity Planning, being administered by the Commission.

Among the first sessions to be scheduled in WVLS territory is from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the Pines Event Center in Rhinelander. [More information is found here.](#) These events are free and open to the public, registration is requested but not required. Walk-ins are welcome. The remaining schedule for the Governor's listening tour is [here](#).

3) Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines

- **V-Cat Bibliographic / Interface Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, May 9 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Bibliographic / Interface Committee page](#) before the meeting.
- **V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee Meeting**
Thursday, May 11 - 9:30 – 11:30am
An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [ILS Evaluation and Review Committee page](#) before the meeting.
- **WLA Conference Proposals Due This Friday**
The 2023 WLA Annual Conference will be held at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton from October 24-27. Proposals focusing on topics such as technology, literacy, collections, and outreach are welcome. Complete this [online form](#) by Friday, May 12.
- **Aspen Record Grouping Training**
Tuesday, May 16 - 10 a.m.
This training will cover grouping and ungrouping record results in Aspen to provide patrons with a great search experience. People may attend the training in the WVLS office or online. Those who

wish to attend the training online [can sign in here](#). Please email Rachel at rmetzler@wvls.org if you plan to attend.

4) School and Public Libraries Workshop

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is hosting a School and Public Libraries Workshop for library staff serving youth. The workshop will be held at Hotel Marshfield on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 1 and 2. There is no cost to attend, and meals will be provided. Topics to be covered include Collection Development 101, Childhood Development and Early Literacy, and Programming 101. There will also be speakers from the CCBC, PBS Wisconsin, and Beanstack.

[Registration is open until Monday, May 22](#) and is limited to 100 attendees, 50 from public libraries and 50 from school libraries. Priority registration will be given to those who have been in the youth services field five years or less. Following the registration closing, applicants will be notified of their status and be required to confirm attendance before Monday, June 5. Those who apply after maximum capacity is reached will be placed on a wait list.

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Combating the Misuse of Information](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10
- [Creating Preservation Quality of Oral Histories](#) - 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10
- [Digitizing Photographs](#) - 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15

6) Registration Open for Becoming an Active Ally Workshops

Part of the 'Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race' Series, these workshops will teach allyship practices with a specific focus that is supportive of BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ people. Participants of all identities will learn opportunities to reflect and learn how to enact allyship to create change personally and professionally.

June 15; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Waunakee Public Library

June 16; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., L.E. Phillips Memorial Library in Eau Claire

[Registration and more information are available here.](#)

7) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Homeless De-Escalation 501: Verbal Tools for Conflict

Thursday, May 11; 1 p.m.

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks. This training will cover:

- Basic verbal tools for setting boundaries and enforcing rules
- Advanced verbal tools for tougher situations (someone who is drunk/high, argumentative, etc.)
- How to deal with folks who want to monopolize your time