



## 1) Registration Open for 'Tech Days' Webinars

Tech Days 2023 is a virtual webinar series held on September 12 and 13, where librarians can learn from top tech experts without having to travel.

### Tuesday, September 12:

- Artificial Intelligence and the Library: The Current Landscape: 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Dealing with Digital Distractions: Ideas and Recommendations for Libraries: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 13:

- When a Service Desk Isn't Enough: One-on-One Tech Assistance: 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Making the Most of BadgerLink: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Go to the [Tech Days website](#) to find descriptions, read more about the presenters, and register for the webinars. All webinars will be recorded, captioned, and available on the Resources page. Each session is worth 1.5 contact hours for public library certification technology credit.

## 2) This Week

- **Web Training: Basic Divi Modules** will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11. Attendees will learn about the basic functions and features of the Text, Toggle, Image, Gallery, Post Slider, and Blog modules within the Divi builder. See the WVLS Web Calendar to sign in.
- **V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee** meets Thursday, July 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review](#) page.
- **V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee** meets Friday, July 14 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee](#) page.
- **The Inclusive Services Update** for July [is now available](#).

## 3) New Resource on Wisconsin Library Buildings and Spaces

The new [Wisconsin Library Buildings & Spaces Project](#) is live! Library staff and trustees may view these on-demand webinars and sign up for the accompanying LIVE Q&A Sessions taking place this month:

- Accessible & Inclusive Spaces - 12 p.m. on Monday, July 24
- Building Maintenance Basics - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25
- Statewide WI Public Library Facilities Assessment - 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 27
- Budgeting & Planning for Capital Costs - 12 p.m. on Friday, July 28

Resources about renovation, space reconfiguration, new building projects, and more will be shared. Webinar attendees may submit questions from the webinars at registration or live with the presenters. Registration is required for the Live Q&A, and they will not be recorded.

[Bookmark the website today](#). Funding for this statewide project was provided from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Sponsors include the Wisconsin Public Library Systems and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

#### **4) Action Needed: WISER Survey**

The Wisconsin PSC is working hard to deploy broadband throughout the state. They are asking all residents, business owners, and property owners to participate in a statewide survey about internet cost, quality, and availability. There is a push to gather this data before Friday, July 14 but the form will remain available beyond that date for ongoing data collection and analysis. Every response will provide the PSC with more information on how to develop a broadband plan to meet the connectivity needs of all Wisconsin residents.

Please encourage families in your school district and library patrons to [take the survey online](#) or via phone at 608-261-6026 (if internet is unavailable OR if only cellular access is available). The DPI E-rate and Broadband Team appreciates your assistance.

#### **5) Upcoming Webinars**

- [Managing Difficult Conversations](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12
- [Bed Bugs in Libraries](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday July 13
- [Fundraising 101: Encouraging Active Board Participation](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 13
- [Designing for Diversity in Your Library's Communications](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 13

#### **6) Reminders**

The Wisconsin Library Association's Awards & Honors Committee is now accepting nominations for this year's awards. Annual awards recognize the recipient's work within the past 18 months. Awards are available for the following:

- [Library of the Year Award](#)
- [Trustee of the Year Award](#)
- [WLA/DEMCO Librarian of the Year Award](#)
- [Citation of Merit](#)
- [Muriel Fuller Award](#)
- [Programming Innovation Award](#)
- [Special Service Award](#)

Note that nominees do not need to be WLA members for consideration. More information about the awards can be found [here](#). The deadline for nominations is Monday, September 4.