



1) Library Closure Survey for Early 2024

WVLS created a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from January - July 2024. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Waltco of modification to a library's delivery schedule.

[Please have a staff member complete this survey](#) on behalf of your library by Friday, February 9.

2) V-Cat Council Meets This Week

The V-Cat Council will meet for the first time in 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 1. An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) ahead of the meeting.

3) Statewide Beanstack Contract Notice

As of May 1, the contract between DPI and Zoobean, LLC., for statewide access to Beanstack for public and school libraries will end. In April 2023, a one-year contract from May 2023-April 2024 was initiated with the option of an additional one-year renewal. This renewal will not be executed. See key decision points [here](#).

The Library Services team is dedicated to supporting our stakeholders by answering additional questions. For public librarians, please contact Public Library Consultant, Chris Baker (chris.baker@dpi.wi.gov). School librarians should contact School Library Media Education Consultant, Monica Treptow (monica.treptow@dpi.wi.gov). For public libraries seeking additional support in developing a Summer Reading Program, please contact Public Library Consultant Jeni Schomber (jeni.schomber@dpi.wi.gov).

4) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Autism: A Conversation with Carly Danesh-Jones

Thursday, February 8; 1 p.m.

Carly Danesh-Jones is an autistic woman and advocate, shaping policy and practice related to autistic women and girls since 2008.

Over the last 15 years, Carly's books, films and advocacy campaigned for greater acceptance, equality of diagnosis, education and safeguarding of autistic women globally. Carly was awarded an MBE for her services to the autistic community in 2017 and recognized with a honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in 2022. During the interview, Carly will share her experience of how homelessness and autism intersect after previously being homeless as a teenage mother.

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

5) Upcoming Webinars

- [Modeling a Healthy Work-Life Balance](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29
- [Building Authentic Relationships with Underserved Communities](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30
- [Networking with Purpose: How to Build Lasting Relationships](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30
- [CCBC Shorts: A \(Brief\) Look At Books For Children and Teens](#) - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31