1) CCBC Choices 2024 Now Available

CCBC Choices 2024 is a digital publication that recommends 238 books published in 2023 for children and teens. Each book entry includes full bibliographic citation, annotation, age recommendation, cover image, and where custom lists can be created. The publication also includes an introductory essay and a name/title index. A citation list is also available, which includes bibliographic information only.

The CCBC is presenting two webinars to highlight selections from CCBC Choices 2024. The webinars will take place on March 20 and April 17. Find more information about these online opportunities, as well as other outreach events around the state, on the CCBC events calendar.

2) NICE Team Update: February 2024

The NICE (Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration) Team met on Tuesday, February 20 to hear updates from the Funding Formula and Budget workgroup, additional information shared by the leadership team about the ILS Recommendation. The Collaborative Decision-making workgroup has made its recommendation. Feedback on the Collaborative Decision-making recommendation can be submitted here. Additional workgroups for Holds fulfillment and Record standards were formed and will meet in March.

Questions are Welcome! V-Cat and NWLN (Northern Waters Library Network) member library staff are welcome to share their questions and concerns via an online form. Answers will be shared on the NICE Libraries FAQ page. More details will be shared on the NICE Libraries website when the reports are complete. Full meeting minutes are posted here.

3) V-Cat Sierra Tools for Weeding and Collection Development

Thursday, February 29; 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Attendees will learn how to use Sierra's tools and Excel to better understand their library's collections and meet the needs of patrons. Weeding, introductory collection analysis, identifying popular authors and titles, determining items to purchase, and creating displays will be discussed. Library staff who want to learn how to use Sierra tools and Excel to better understand their library's collection and meet patron needs are encouraged to attend.

Link to register | Link to attend

4) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar

Supporting Transgender Individuals: A Conversation with Ben Greene
Thursday, March 14; 1 p.m.

Ben Greene is a transgender advocate and educator who has spoken internationally on topics surrounding transgender inclusion. After coming out at 15 in a small town, Ben has devoted his career to spreading empathy, education, and storytelling around the trans experience and how to show up as an ally. He is a fierce advocate for transgender youth, regularly speaking in their defense at the Missouri State Capitol, and is publishing a book for parents and families of transgender youth.

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.

- Transforming Librarianship to Model Neuroinclusion in Libraries – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28
- Free & Low-Cost Programming for Youth – 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 29
- Identity, Burnout and Vocational Awe - 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 29
- Project Management in Collection Development – 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 29

6) Reminders

WPLC Youth Services Staff Survey
The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) seeks feedback from youth services staff throughout Wisconsin on the reading habits and interests of school-age and tweens/teens. Librarians who work with these age groups are asked to complete a survey to help guide collection development for Wisconsin's Digital Library. The survey should take under 10 minutes. Responses by Thursday, February 29 are greatly appreciated.