



1) This Week and Next

- The WVLS office is closed this Friday, March 29. Delivery service will be operating as usual.
- The WVLS office is low on blue delivery bins. Libraries should send extra empty bins through courier to WVLS.
- WVLS will be placing the Spring 2024 order for item barcodes. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand. Libraries that want to order barcodes should [fill out this form](#) by Friday, March 29.
- V-Cat Council will meet Thursday, April 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) ahead of the meeting.

2) NICE Updates

- The NICE (Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration) Team met on Tuesday, March 19 to hear updates from the Holds Fulfillment workgroup. The [Funding Formula workgroup has made its recommendation](#). Feedback on the recommendation can be submitted [here](#). An additional Cataloging workgroup was formed and will meet in April. The Record Standards and Holds Fulfillment workgroups will also meet in April.
- [NICE Project Town Hall Meeting](#) on Tuesday, April 9, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Members of the NICE Project Team will give an overview of the process to date, share information about NICE recommendations, discuss the next steps, and leave time for questions and feedback. The meeting will be recorded, and attendees can share questions and feedback through the [NICE Project Feedback Form](#).

3) Listening Session Next Month

The first WVLS Listening Session for 2024 is scheduled to take place at the Colby Community Library from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. This is an in-person event only, and it is open to WVLS member library directors or their proxies. The session will provide an opportunity for informal conversations between participants and to ask questions of WVLS staff. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

[Prior registration](#) is required by Tuesday, April 9. Questions can be directed to Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.

4) Update to Android OS Requirements for Libby, Kanopy, and OverDrive Apps

OverDrive's web certificate provider, [Let's Encrypt](#), is discontinuing support for Android operating systems (OS) 7.1.0 and earlier. Let's Encrypt certificates are used to secure connections on many websites and apps, including those from OverDrive.

Beginning April 15, Android 7.1.1 will be the earliest supported Android OS for all OverDrive apps and websites, including Libby and Kanopy.

After April 15, users with devices running Android OS 7.1.0 or earlier will be required to update their operating system or switch to another supported device to continue using OverDrive services.

5) Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Award Now Accepting Applications

This award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, in honor of Maureen Hayes, to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding up to \$4000 for an author/illustrator visit to a library. This year's deadline is Friday, April 19. Applicants must be members of ALA and ALSC. Full grant details are [here](#).

6) Upcoming Webinars

- [Ready, Set, Present!](#) – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26
- [Why Do I Stay in Librarianship? – the DEI Perspective](#) – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26
- [Cultivating Curiosity: Building a Culture of Learning for Your Team](#) – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26
- [What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#) – 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27
- [Inclusive Survey Design: Crafting Questions for Community Representation](#) – 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27
- [Set the Path Forward with Smart Technology Decisions](#) – 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27
- [A Higher Purpose: Censorship and Intellectual Freedom Today](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27
- [Defending Diversity: The Challenges and Opportunities for DEIA Positions in Libraries](#) – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27

7) Reminders

- Join the Wisconsin Public Library Systems for a Spring Webinar Series focusing on neurodiversity among library staff. Both webinars will be recorded and worth 1 contact hour toward public library certification. Detailed information [can be found here](#).

We Are Already Here: The Workplace Experiences of Neurodivergent Library Workers

Thursday, April 18; 12 p.m.

Presented by: Christine Moeller (they/she), PhD Candidate, University of Washington iSchool

[Register](#)

For Managers & Supervisors: Cultivating an Inclusive Workplace for Neurodivergent Staff

Tuesday, May 7; 1 p.m.

Presented by: Renee Grassi, Director, Lake Bluff Public Library

[Register](#)

- This year's National Library Week, held on April 7-13, will celebrate "Ready, Set, Library!." This theme promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. The [ALA website](#): several free tools, including press releases and social media shares.