



1) Delivery Update

On Wednesday April 10, a message was sent to WVLS directors regarding the delays in delivery. Earlier today, WVLS was informed that people worked over the weekend at the Wausau terminal to get caught up. The sort should be on track this week.

WVLS is starting to explore the process of sorting in-house. While we want to move forward quickly, there is much to consider, including space, hiring sorters and training.

As a reminder, concerns communicated with drivers are not shared with WVLS. Delivery delays, unusual shortages, or other issues should be communicated with WVLS at courier@wvls.org.

2) This Week

- V-Cat Sierra MARC Alert Cataloging Training
Thursday, April 18 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bibliographic records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog.
[Link to register](#) | [Link to attend](#)
- The first of two webinars in the Spring Webinar Series focusing on neurodiversity among library staff will be held this Thursday.

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
[Detailed information can be found here.](#)
- A recording of the NICE Project Town Hall meeting [is available](#). The NICE Team wants to hear from you. Please share questions and feedback through the [NICE Project Recommendations Feedback Form](#) by Friday, April 19.

3) New Helpdesk Ticket For Websites

There is a new helpdesk email address specifically for website assistance.

WVLS member libraries can send website questions to: websitehelp@librarieswin.org. Website questions will be handled by both Brendan, Erica and other LEANWI staff from one central mailbox. [See the WVLS Communications page](#) for more information.

4) ALSC National Institute Scholarship Available

WVLS is awarding a scholarship to member library staff to attend the 2024 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute taking place September 19-21 in Denver, Colorado.

Up to \$2100 is available for the scholarship, to cover such travel expenses as:

- Early Bird National Institute Registration
- Roundtrip economy class air transportation
- Up to 3 nights of conference lodging (including transportation from airport)
- Wisconsin airport parking and mileage to/from airport

The completed application must be emailed to Jamie Matczak by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Applicants will receive notice on their status on Tuesday, April 30. [See the WVLS website](#) to download an application.

5) New Digital Byte

In the latest WVLS Digital Byte, Kristie discusses the importance of diverse children's collections, tips for selecting anti-bias books, and pitfalls to avoid. [Watch it here.](#)

6) Exhibitors Needed for Fall Conference

The 2024 WLA Conference will be held in Green Bay on November 5-8. The Conference Planning Committee is looking to increase the number of exhibitors. For numerous reasons, several vendors no longer exhibit at the WLA Conference. Some have retired or moved, and others are spending resources targeting alternate audiences.

WVLS libraries who work with vendors are encouraged to submit names and ideas to the WLA Conference Exhibit Chair, Brenda Walenton at bwalenton@wvls.org by Tuesday, April 30. Libraries that provide information for a new paid exhibitor at the 2024 WLA Fall Conference will be entered into a prize drawing.

Contact WLA Conference Manager Cindy Foley at 608-512-8815 or Brenda at 715-261-7250 for questions.

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [How to Increase Participation in Public Surveys](#) - 4 p.m. on Monday, April 15
- [Outcomes and Beyond: A 3-Step Approach to Evaluating Program Success](#) – 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16
- [Creating Accessible Websites](#) – 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16
- [Marketing Trends Nonprofits Need to Know \(and Embrace\)](#) – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16
- [Navigating the library director hiring process: A guide for trustees and boards](#) – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16

8) Reminders

The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) has several upcoming events to highlight books in CCBC Choices and for hands-on book browsing.

- May 13 and 14: Superior Public Library; [More details and registration link](#)
- May 15 and 16: L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Eau Claire
May 15 [registration link](#)
May 16 [registration link](#)

Contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org for any questions.