



1) V-Cat Council Meeting in Abbotsford

The V-Cat Council Meeting will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 from 9:30 a.m. at the Abbotsford City Hall Public Learning Center, located at 203 North First St. in Abbotsford. An agenda and meeting documents are available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#).

2) New Summer Passport Program is Coming

Get ready for summer 2025, as WVLS introduces the Passport Program. This system-wide initiative will guide communities through the diverse landscapes of public libraries. Each library offers a unique set of resources to explore. WVLS will provide more details about this exciting journey in the next few months.

Input from WVLS libraries is needed! Share ideas with Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org to collaborate and contribute to the program.

3) What's New

- **WVLS June Newsletter:** Features include: new makerspace items, an activity tracker, an after-hours event, and more. [View it here](#).
- **June Web Trainings:** Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Divi, Website 201 and Website Users. The sessions last up to 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register](#).
- **Digital Byte:** In this Digital Byte, Kristie explains how to use the DPI Activity and Program Tracker Spreadsheet that can be used to track annual report information. [Watch it here](#).

4) NICE Project Town Hall

WVLS member libraries are encouraged to attend a NICE Project Town Hall Meeting from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11.

The [NICE Project](#) has been busy over the past several months with targeted workgroups crafting recommendations around different topics. An overview of the process to date, information about these emerging recommendations, and next steps will be shared. Time will be provided for questions and feedback. Join the meeting [using this link](#). Members who are not able to attend can share questions and feedback through the [NICE Project Feedback Form](#). The meeting will be recorded.

5) 2024 DEI Consultant Funding Opportunity

Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race and the IDEA Team encourage libraries to apply for a unique funding opportunity that will support bringing a specialized DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) Consultant to help your team accomplish its desired goals.

Apply for funding, up to \$1,000, to support DEI consulting for your library.

Applications will be accepted quarterly; June 1-30, September 1-30, Dec 1-31, and March 1-31, 2025

Contact Emily Whitmore at ewhitmore@springgreenlibrary.org and Tracy Herold at herold@dcls.info for questions. More information and an application can be found on the [IDEA Team website](#).

6) Upcoming Webinar with Dr. Alonzo Kelly

People who have missed the spring workshops have another opportunity to catch a live event with Dr. Alonzo Kelly, one of the nation's leading experts on leadership development and strategic thinking, planning, and acting.

Navigating the Terrain of Change (webinar)

Monday June 10 at 2 - 3:30 p.m.

[Register here](#). Also, don't forget about archived 'Wisconsin Libraries Talk About Race' [webinars and other resources](#).

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Celebrating LGBTQ+ Stories](#): – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4
- [Create Engaging Training Videos with Your Smartphone](#) – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5
- [How to Use AI Responsibly](#) – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5
- [Harnessing Data for a Sustainable Future](#) - 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6
- [Supporting Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors at Your Library](#) – 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 6

8) Ryan Dowd Events

- **Unattended Children: How to Talk to Parents About Their Children's Behavior**
 - June 10-13; 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
 - Registration Link: <https://www.homelesstraining.com/free-training/> (If clicking the link doesn't work, copy and paste it into your browser.)
- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

Understanding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans:
A Conversation with Dr. Kathy Platoni
Thursday, June 20; 1 p.m.

Dr. Kathy Platoni has been a practicing clinical psychologist for more than 40 years and maintains a private practice in Centerville, Ohio. In service of her country and as an Army Reserve clinical psychologist, she has deployed on four occasions in time of war. She specializes in the treatment of PTSD, behavioral medicine and the treatment of chronic pain and chronic, debilitating, and

terminal illnesses.

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