



## 1) This Week

- **Delivery:** The WVLS Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Delivery will not be running on this day. Delivery will resume on Friday, July 5. Libraries who receive delivery on Thursdays will not receive a make up day this week.
- **Backstage Process Set for Tuesday, July 2**  
WVLS will be sending out a file of its bib records for Backstage cleanup Tuesday, July 2. Bib records should not be edited on this day. An email notification will go out when the process has been completed. Please share this with any library staff who catalog.
- **WVLS July Newsletter:** Features include: Library of Things, Pet photos for Fines, a Hodag on the Roof, and more. [View it here.](#)

## 2) 'Trustee Training Week' Registration Open

Registration is open for this year's [Trustee Training Week](#) webinars. Here is the line up:

- August 19 - [Everything You Want to Know About Book Challenges](#) with Tasslyn Magnusson
- August 20 - [Wisconsin Library Law](#) with Kris Turner
- August 21 - [Making Each Other Look Good: The Library Board & Director](#) with Jamie LaRue
- August 22 - [Organization and Governance Best Practices for Boards](#) with Charity Tyler
- August 23 - Robert's Rules Refresher with Thomas Pugh (link coming soon)

All webinars will be recorded and archived if trustees can't attend. Please share these webinars with your board of trustees and friends.

## 3) NICE Project Phase 2 Complete

The second phase of the Northern Wisconsin ILS Exploration (NICE) Team is complete. A [NICE Project Phase 2 Final Report June 2024](#) is now available along with the following:

- [NICE Project Phase 2 Key Takeaways June 2024](#)
- [NICE Project Phase 2 Why Merge? June 2024](#)
- [Updated NICE FAQs page](#)
- [NICE Benefits and Common Questions](#)
- [V-Cat NICE 2025 DRAFT Budget Estimates](#)

The next step is for NWLN and V-Cat consortiums to vote on an ILS Merger. NWLS and WVLS Boards have final authority over merger decisions, and will make the decision after careful consideration of the NWLN and V-Cat votes.

#### **4) Gale Presents: Udemy Training and Marketing Support**

Explore the wide range of courses available through Gale Presents: Udemy, at a virtual training at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Participants will learn how to effectively navigate the platform, making it easier to guide patrons in finding, enrolling in, and completing courses that align with their professional and personal goals.

The webinar will be recorded, allowing librarians to revisit the content at their convenience or share it with colleagues who may have missed the live session. [Register](#) now for the upcoming webinar.

WVLS is also exploring ways to help its member libraries promote this valuable resource. Please take a moment to complete this [short survey](#) by Monday, July 15.

#### **5) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

Homelessness is a Housing Problem:  
A Conversation with Gregg Colburn  
Thursday, July 11; 1 p.m.

Gregg Colburn is an Associate Professor in the Runstad Department of Real Estate in the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington. He is co-author of the book, Homelessness is a Housing Problem: How Structural Factors Explain U.S. Patterns (University of California Press).

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

#### **6) 2024-2025 WiLS Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort**

Libraries seeking an efficient, cost-effective way to create a strategic plan can now apply to be part of the Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort. Space is limited, and the fee to participate is \$1,995. Libraries that serve a community population of about 5,000 or less can apply.

Complete [this form](#) by Monday, September 30. For more details, contact Laura Damon-Moore at [laura@wils.org](mailto:laura@wils.org) or download [this informational flyer](#).

#### **7) Upcoming Webinars**

- [Help! Tips & Tricks to Plan Your Strategic Plan](#) - 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2
- [Introduction to Corporate Giving](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2
- [Helping Students be Google Aware](#) - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3

## 8) **Reminder**

- **WVLS Hiring:** WVLS is seeking 3 individuals interested in part-time work to sort bins of library materials received in delivery and to package library materials for outgoing delivery. Applications received by Friday, July 12 will receive first consideration. Positions will remain open until qualified candidates are determined.

More information, including a full job description and application [are available here](#).