



1) Upcoming Things

- **Labor Day**
 - Due to Labor Day, WVLS and delivery service will be closed on Monday, September 2.
 - Delivery service will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, September 3. Libraries that typically receive service on Mondays will not receive a make-up service day next week.
 - "Monday Mentions" will be posted on Tuesday, September 3 at 12 p.m.
- **Aspen Offline:** V-Cat's Aspen Discovery Online Catalog will be in offline mode on Wednesday, August 28 between approximately 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. This is part of an ongoing upgrade project for all Aspen servers. Aspen may intermittently be in offline mode and all functions that require logging in to patron accounts will be disabled. This includes paying fines, placing holds, renewing items, checking out from Overdrive, saving items to lists, rating titles, etc.

It is also likely that Aspen will not be updating or indexing during this time, so new items may not be displayed to patrons until after the upgrade is complete.

Please do not attempt to make changes such as creating lists and updating browse categories in Aspen during this time.

- **V-Cat Council** will meet Thursday, September 5 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) Online Resources Webpage

The new Online Resources webpage is now live on most WVLS websites, and new functionality is being added. Click counts for tracking resources use and title search functionality will be coming soon.

[New BadgerLink resources announced last week](#) have been added: Education Source, Hobbies and Crafts Source, Home Improvement Source, Points of View Reference Source, and ChiltonLibrary.

WVLS is looking for user feedback on function and promotion of this new webpage. Library staff and users are [encouraged to submit feedback](#).

3) Marketing Toolkit Available for 'Gale Presents: Udemy'

[Gale Presents: Udemy](#) is now available to all WVLS member library patrons. With Gale Presents: Udemy, patrons can connect to thousands of video-based courses in business, technology, leadership, and personal development. Links to access Udemy are on member library websites.

[A marketing toolkit is now available](#) to promote this resource. It includes templates to print flyers, bookmarks and stickers, as well as a sample press release and social media posts. Libraries that completed the marketing toolkit survey will receive their free bookmarks, flyers and stickers from WVLS this week via delivery.

4) Registration Open for Annual Youth Services Workshop

The Annual Youth Services Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the T.B. Scott Free Library in Merrill.

The workshop will feature presentations by Pam Corcoran, a performer and puppet master, and Mary Newton, founding president of The Reading League Wisconsin. Pam will lead a puppet workshop, demonstrating and sharing tips and techniques for using puppets in children's programs. Mary will present a session on science-based reading, explaining what it entails and exploring how public libraries can contribute to this initiative. Attendees will also tour the library and lunch will be provided by WVLS at no charge.

[Register by Tuesday, September 17](#). See the Digital Lite [for more information and a detailed agenda](#). If you have any questions, contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.

5) Virtual Youth Services Check-in: Summer Debrief

WVLS and IFLS Library System youth services staff are encouraged to join a virtual check-in on Tuesday, September 10 from 1 - 2 p.m. Small group discussion will take place on topics related to summer programs, survival strategies and shortcuts, performers, rethinking prizes, and year-round programming efforts. [Register here](#).

6) BadgerLink Procurement Complete

The recent BadgerLink procurement process is complete. Many of the previously provided resources remain the same, however new resources include: Britannica Early Elementary & Young Children (Britannica); Education Source, Hobbies & Crafts Source, Home Improvement Source, Library & Information Science Source, and Points of View Reference Source (all from EBSCO); and ChiltonLibrary (Gale). [Read more](#).

7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Focus on the Future: The Art of Selling Your Board and Funders on Capacity Building](#) - 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26
- [Civic Literacy in Public Libraries: Why, What, and How](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28
- [Breaking the Silence: Exploring Mental Health Challenges Among BIPOC Library Workers](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28

8) Reminders

Tech Days Wisconsin 2024 is coming up September 17 – 18. This free, two-day series of webinars offers libraries the opportunity to hear from tech experts. Register for each individual event and learn more about presenters at TechDaysWisc.org. Each session counts toward 1.5 technology contact hours for public library certification.