1) Registration Open for Tech Days

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.

- [From Basics to Breakthroughs: AI Strategies for Library Leaders](#)- Tuesday, September 17, 10 -11:30 a.m.
- [Navigating Artificial Intelligence Through a Public Librarian's Lens](#) - Tuesday, September 17, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- [Virtual Reality for Career Readiness](#) - Wednesday, September 18, 10 -11:30 a.m.
- [Trends in Emerging Tech with Laura Solomon](#)- Wednesday, September 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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.

2) V-Cat Training Survey

Libraries are encouraged to complete a [survey to identify V-Cat training topics](#) of interest by Friday, August 23. Survey results will assist with planning for an in-person training on Thursday, October 17 and online training on Thursday, November 21, as well as Spring 2025 training sessions.

3) V-Cat Training Set for Fall

The following dates are scheduled for Fall 2024. Links to register and attend will be sent out in the near future.

- V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training – Attaching Items, Thursday, September 12; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training – MARC Alerts, Thursday, September 26; 10 am - 12 p.m.
- V-Cat Sierra Z39.50 Cataloging Training – (In Person), Thursday, October 17; 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- TBD Training – (In Person), Thursday, October 17; 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Aspen Patron Experience & Collection Showcase Training – Tuesday, October 29; 10 am - 12 p.m.
- TBD Training – (Online), Thursday, November 21; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

4) WVLS August Newsletter

The WVLS August Newsletter [is now posted.](#) Features include:
- Three WVLS Libraries Receive ALA Grant
- Library Card Sign-Up Month is Almost Here
- Medford 'End of Summer' Party a Success
- Rib Lake Hosts Island Adventure

- 10 Things to Know About Kari Sweeney
- Granton Partners on 'Story Hour in the Park'

Libraries interested in having something featured in the September newsletter should contact Jamie (jmatczak@wvls.org) by Thursday, August 29.

5) Youth Services Information Exchange

The next Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE) Get-Together will take place in person on Monday, August 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Granton Community Library, located at 217 North Main Street. The library shares a place with the Granton School Library and is located inside the school.

After touring the library, attendees will explore early literacy text services, programming resources (including artificial intelligence (AI) tools), and reflect on this year's summer library programming. Don't miss this opportunity to engage and learn! Attendees do not need to register for this event.

6) Upcoming Webinars

- Why Can't I Just Google It? - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6
- Work It Out @ Your Library with the Wombats! - 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 8
- Must-Haves for New Hire Training - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7
- "Toxic," Traumatized, or Neurodivergent? Setting Appropriate Boundaries Without Writing Anyone Off - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7

7) Lead the Way Conference Accepting Program Proposals

The 'Lead the Way: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement Conference,' is now accepting program proposals until Monday, September 2. The conference will be held on April 21-22, 2025, at the Pyle Center at UW-Madison. Sessions for the conference will be one hour. Priority will be given to sessions that include interactive elements and audience participation. Every selected session will receive one complimentary conference registration. Visit the conference website for more information.

8) Reminders

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) has launched a survey to assess the effectiveness of its program materials on a national level. The goal is to gather feedback from public library staff who were involved in running the 2024 summer library programs. Whether you used the "Adventure Begins at Your Library" theme or not, your input is valuable. The survey covers general feedback on the theme and materials, as well as participation tracking and stats for children, teens, and adults. Please coordinate with your colleagues on who will fill it out, especially if you are in a multi-branch system.

The survey does not need to be filled out by library directors. Adult/YA/Children program overseers can complete their own portions. It will remain open until Friday, September 13. Take the survey here.