



1) Two Conference Scholarship Opportunities

WVLS is pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities for its member libraries to attend upcoming conferences. Members who meet the requirements are eligible to apply for both. Because of registration conference deadlines, the application time is approaching soon.

- **Back in Circulation 2024 Conference Scholarship:** October 7-8, Pyle Center, UW-Madison
This scholarship provides \$1,075 to cover some/all of the costs.
Application deadline: 5 p.m. on Monday, September 16
- **2024 WLA Conference Scholarship:** November 5-8, KI Center, Green Bay
This scholarship provides \$1,200 to cover some/all of the costs.
Application deadline: 5 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, September 16

More information and applications for both scholarships can be found on the [WVLS Scholarships and Grants website](#).

2) V-Cat Council This Thursday

V-Cat Council will meet Thursday, September 5 from 9:30 - 12 p.m. An agenda and meeting documents will be available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#) before the meeting.

3) Survey Feedback Needed for Respondent Research

Wisconsin public library directors were recently asked to participate in an important research effort to inform potential changes to the Public Libraries Survey (PLS), sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and administered by the American Institutes for Research (AIR).

Completing a 10-minute questionnaire will help ensure that these potential changes to the PLS will be useful to your library and the entire public library field. Your library's FSCS ID / LIBID is required to access the questionnaire, which is a six-character ID that begins WI followed by four numbers. It can be found in the Annual Report online portal or use [IMLS's Search & Compare Tool](#).

[The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, September 6.](#)

4) September Web Trainings

In August, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division announced new rules requiring all websites and mobile apps of government and public entities, including public libraries, to be fully accessible under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act by 2027 for most of our libraries.

This month, the LEANWI Website Team will offer regular training and communication to help to prepare libraries for this change. [Read more information and register.](#)

5) Fall 2024 V-Cat Training Sessions

The [Fall 2024 V-Cat Training Sessions](#) are now fully scheduled. More information is available on the [V-Cat Training page](#).

- **V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training – Attaching Items (Online)**
Thursday, September 12; 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
[link to register](#) | [link to attend](#)
- **V-Cat Training Day (In Person)**
Thursday, October 17; 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
[link to register](#)
- **V-Cat Reports the Easy Way (Online)**
Thursday, November 21; 10:00 am – 12 p.m.
[link to register](#) | [link to attend](#)

More information about the sessions can be found in the [Fall 2024 V-Cat Training Session Schedule](#).

6) Celebrating National Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Library Card Services Team is celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month throughout September. Assistant State Superintendent for the Division for Libraries and Technology Dr. Darrell Williams will be visiting several public and school libraries across the state encouraging citizens to sign-up for a new card or renew their expired library cards.

“It’s important for people of all ages to have a library card,” said Dr. Williams. “A library card allows you free access to all sorts of resources for a lifetime of learning including books, hotspots, Wi-Fi, games, and technology.” [Read more.](#)

7) Next Ryan Dowd Training

How to Coach Your Staff on De-Escalation
Thursday, September 19; 1 p.m.

This training will cover:

- Mistakes managers make when coaching employees in de-escalation.
- Mistakes employees make in challenging situations.
- Activities managers can do with staff that improve de-escalation skills.

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

8) Upcoming Webinars

- [Social Media 102](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4
- [Addressing Challenging Behaviors](#) - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4
- [Mastering the Art of Planning and Leading Effective Meetings](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5

9) Reminders

- **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. [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.
- **The next WVLS Listening Session** is scheduled to take place at the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library in Medford on Monday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an in-person event only, and it is open to WVLS member library directors or their proxies. The session will provide an opportunity for informal conversations between participants and to ask questions of WVLS staff. Lunch will be provided, and prior registration is required.

Please [register](#) by Thursday, September 12. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Hauer at khauer@wvls.org.