



### 1) Early Bird Registration Ends This Week

[Early bird registration](#) for the [2024 Wisconsin Library Association \(WLA\) Annual Conference](#) ends on Tuesday, October 1. This year's conference takes place from November 5-8 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. Registration includes access to Keynotes and Luncheons, Educational Breakout Sessions, Exhibitors and Vendors, Special Events and Networking, and more.

### 2) V-Cat Training Day Set for October 17

The next V-Cat Training Day will be held on Thursday, October 17 at the WVLS office. This event is in person only. [Attendees may register](#) for a full or half day.

- Refreshments and Conversation: 9:15-9:30 a.m.
- V-Cat Sierra Z39.50 Cataloging Training & Q & A: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Lunch (provided by V-Cat): 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
- V-Cat Resource Sharing and Holds: 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

[See the WVLS website](#) for more information and to register. Questions can be sent to Katie Zimmermann at [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org).

### 3) Data Dashboard Dissection # 1

Last week's [Monday Mentions](#) shared the new, statewide data dashboard pilot of public library data as reported in the Annual Report to DPI, running from September 3 - December 31. The [dashboard is available](#) on the WPLC website.

WVLS recognizes that time to explore this dashboard could be limited for its member libraries. From now until December, we are going to break down exploring sections in bite-sized pieces for library directors and staff called "Data Dashboard Dissections." WVLS member librarians who complete all four monthly tasks by the deadlines indicated will be eligible to receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.

[Check out the first "Data Dissection"](#) focusing on library cohorts. This task, including completing a Google form, should be completed by Tuesday, October 8.

### 4) Important Information for Election Day

Election Day is just over six weeks away. Wisconsin is one of the 21 states with same-day voter registration, meaning residents who decide to vote on November 5 can register at the polls. But many people like to register beforehand, especially online.

WVLS libraries will likely be used as a resource for answering questions from community members. WVLS Local and State Advocacy Consultant Kris Adams Wendt put together a helpful document of Wisconsin voter information including information on registration, what is needed, and proof of identification. [Feel free to use this resource](#) or have it handy for answering patron questions.

## 5) Next Ryan Dowd Training

Traumatic Brain Injury

Thursday, October 10; 1 p.m.

This training will cover:

- What is a TBI (and how it relates to those struggling with homelessness)
- Common symptoms (that are often mistaken for other conditions)
- Signs of Disinhibition (and how to respond to problematic behaviors related to it)

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) Upcoming Webinars

- [Teenagers with Dyslexia: Empowering Adolescent Learners](#) - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1
- [Leveraging Internal Feedback in Your Strategic Planning Process](#) - 12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2
- [Thinking Critically About Information in an Imperfect World](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2
- [Grants Management 101](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 3
- [Series Nonfiction](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8