



1) Upcoming Deadlines

- **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. - 1 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.](#)
- **WVLS will be placing the Fall 2024 order for item barcodes this month.** The next order will not be done until Spring 2025. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand. Libraries in need of additional barcodes should [fill out this form](#) by Friday, September 20.

2) What's New

- **WVLS September Newsletter:** Features include: MCPL Provides Reading to Therapy Dogs, Essential Library Skills Series: Evaluating Resources, Walenton talks About Many Roles, and more. [View it here.](#)
- **Digital Byte:** In this Digital Byte, Kristie talks about evaluating resources. Why is this important as a librarian? What are ways that we can do this? What is the difference between disinformation and misinformation? [Watch it here.](#)
- **Inclusive Services Update:** The September Inclusive Services Update [is now posted.](#)

3) 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 Thursday, September 19

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

4) 'Giving Great Service' Webinar

1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25

Presented by: Jamie Matczak, Education Consultant, WVLS

1 contact hour

When libraries put their patrons first, great customer service is possible on every interaction, from when they enter the library to when they leave. In this webinar, learn tips on assessing and improving your library's commitment to great service, how to deliver it, and what steps to take when customer service fails. This webinar will be recorded. [Register here](#).

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) Wisconsin Humanities Grant Available

Opportunity Grants offer up to \$4,000 to nonprofit organizations. These grants support cultural sharing, learning, and the telling of crucial, underheard stories and histories, fostering understanding and civic engagement. Nonprofits in underserved and rural communities are especially encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the upcoming round is November 1. [The application is here](#).

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

- [Pride In Practice: LGBTQ+ Library Workers Perspectives on Mental Health](#) - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10
- [Talk to the Elephant - Designing Learning for Behavior Change](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11
- [Introduction to Finding Grants](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12
- [Your Library as a Polling Place: Election Site Security](#) - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12