



### **1) V-Cat Training Day Canceled**

The V-Cat In Person Training Day on Thursday, October 17 has been canceled due to low registration. WVLS staff will be in touch with people who registered to follow up on desired training topics.

### **2) Data Dashboard Dissection #2**

The new, statewide data dashboard pilot of public library data as reported in the Annual Report to DPI continues to run through 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, WVLS staff will break down exploring sections in bite-sized pieces for library directors and staff called "Data Dashboard Dissections." WVLS member librarians who complete each task by the deadline indicated are eligible for a prize. Librarians who complete all four tasks by the deadlines will be eligible to receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.

[Check out the second "Data Dashboard Dissection"](#) focusing on library budgets and staffing. This task, including submitting responses via a Google form, should be completed by Tuesday, October 29.

Congratulations to Greenwood, Loyal, T.B. Scott (Merrill), Minocqua and Rhinelander for completing Data Dashboard Dissection # 1 !

### **3) Annual Hands-On Book Examination at CCBC**

Get ready for an exhilarating week at the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC)! From November 18 to November 22, 2024, the CCBC is hosting Starred Reviews Days: Hands-On Book Examination. This event is a golden opportunity for librarians to dive into the latest and greatest children's and young adult books that have received starred reviews in 2024.

Plus, it's a fantastic chance to connect with fellow book enthusiasts and share your passion for literature. [Registration](#) is required to attend.

### **4) Schedule "Tally Week" in October**

Have you scheduled your library's annual survey week this October to collect data for the public library annual report? The annual report requires an annual count of reference transactions, library visits and use of public computers. However, if a library is not able to maintain an annual count for any of these data elements, it is recommended that the library do a tally during a "typical" week or weeks, and then multiply the count to make an annual estimate. [Read more in the WVLS September Newsletter.](#)

### **5) Advanced Registration Still Open for WLA Conference**

Advanced registration for the [2024 Wisconsin Library Association \(WLA\) Annual Conference](#) is still open until Friday, October 18. 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. [Check out this video message](#) from the 2024 Conference Planning Committee.

## 6) Staff Change Form for Libraries

WVLS has developed a Library Staffing Changes Form for libraries to report new hires, job role changes, or departing staff. This form will streamline and centralize the process for ILS staff to manage Sierra and Aspen user accounts and passwords, and for technology staff to create new emails, set up Office 365 accounts, close unused accounts, update passwords and more.

WVLS member library directors should submit staffing changes as soon as they are known with the date the change will take effect. For security purposes, [the form is currently located behind a password wall](#). The password is the same as for the V-Cat Training page.

Please send any questions about the form to [ils.admin@wvls.org](mailto:ils.admin@wvls.org) or [ebrewster@wvls.org](mailto:ebrewster@wvls.org).

## 7) Upcoming Webinars

- [Indigenous Stories for the Classroom and Library](#) - 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15
- [Less Alone, More Together](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16
- [Canva Reimagined](#) - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16
- [Crafting Inclusive Stories to Move Your Mission](#) - 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 17