



1) Elcho Branch Closed

The Elcho Branch of Antigo Public Library (APL) closed on September 25. APL will provide bookmobile service to the Elcho Town Hall weekly on Wednesdays. WVLS is in the process of making changes in Sierra in response to this change.. What does this mean for WVLS libraries? [Read more.](#)

2) 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.](#)

3) V-Cat Training Day Scheduled 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.

4) Backstage Process Set for Next Monday

WVLS will be sending out a file of our bib records for Backstage cleanup Monday, October 14. Please do not edit bib records on this day. WVLS will send a reminder Monday morning and an email when the process has been completed. Please share this with any staff who do cataloging at your library.

5) October Newsletter Available

The [WVLS October 2024 Newsletter](#) is now available. Features Include: Wendt Inducted into Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame, WVLS Members Attend DPI Workshop, Clark County Passport Program Comes to an End, MCPL Circulates Tonieboxes, RDL Now Fine Free and more. Libraries who are interested in having something featured in the November newsletter should contact Jamie at WVLS (jmatczak@wvls.org) by Monday, October 28.

6) October Web Trainings

Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Alt+Text for Images, Website 201 and Accessible Documents. The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register.](#)

7) 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 or mebrewster@wvls.org.

8) 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) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available for four weeks.

9) Reminders

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.