



1) WVLS Hiring Public Library Services Consultant

WVLS is seeking an innovative, knowledgeable, and experienced team-oriented individual to provide professional and courteous consultant services, onsite and remotely, to 25 public libraries in its 7-county central Wisconsin service area. Candidates must have a master's degree in a library and information studies program that has been accredited by the American Library Association, and 5 years of professional experience in a public library setting.

Applications received by Friday, November 22, will receive first consideration. [See the WVLS website](#) for a complete job description and application information.

2) V-Cat Council Meeting and Party

V-Cat Council will meet Thursday, November 14 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. The agenda and meeting documents are available on the [V-Cat Council meetings page](#).

Following the meeting, V-Cat Council representatives, library directors, and meeting attendees are invited to join WVLS staff to party like it's 1999 for the V-Cat 25th Anniversary celebration. There will be food, games, and a short presentation of V-Cat's history.

3) Survey on Benefits of Governmental Services

The Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS) is seeking information about public libraries that currently offer, or are considering offering, passport services, notary services, license plate renewal, and other governmental services. This input will help all libraries understand the benefits and challenges associated with these services.

[The survey deadline](#) is Friday, November 29. Results will be compiled and shared in early 2025.

4) November Web Trainings

Several web training sessions are happening this month, including WordPress Plugins, Website 201 and Website Security. The sessions last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register](#).

5) Applications Being Accepted for Building Equity Based Summers Cohort

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Library Services Team is looking for six libraries to participate in the 2025 Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS) Cohort. The BEBS initiative is funded and made possible in part through an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. Each participating library will be represented by a team of two staff members. Libraries are encouraged to have

staff from across departments and can include Youth Services, Adult Services, Programming, Outreach, or Administrative staff. [Read more.](#)

6) Building Presentation Toolkit

In response to a recommendation from the “Wisconsin Public Library Facilities Assessment,” two presentation slide decks and instructions were created to educate and inform key stakeholders about the importance of libraries and advocate for funding to build or renovate. The two templates contain similar background information, but the “Need an Architect” slide deck makes the request for funding to hire an architect/consultant, while the “Have an Architect” slide deck requests permission to move forward with the project, assuming an architect/consultant has already been secured. [Read more.](#)

7) United for Libraries and Penguin Random House Grant

United for Libraries and Penguin Random House are offering \$25,000 in grants to support libraries in need. Cash grants of \$500 and \$1,000 will assist Friends of the Library groups with priority projects, while 20 libraries will receive in-kind book donation grants of \$500 to purchase Penguin Random House titles. To qualify, Friends groups must support a rural U.S. library with a population of 25,000 or fewer, located at least 5 miles from an urban area, as defined by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS).

[Applications](#) will be open from February 3 to February 17, 2025, with notifications sent by March 10, 2025. Free [virtual informational sessions](#) will be available starting in December for interested libraries.

8) Upcoming Webinars

- [Secrets of Successful Nonprofit Leadership](#) - 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 14
- [Tools to Boost Confidence for Successful PowerPoint Presentations](#) - 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 14
- [Funding Your Makerspace](#) - 3 p.m. on Monday, November 18

9) Reminders:

- **Delivery Tracking**

All WVLS libraries (including branches) should track incoming and outgoing bins and bags for one week from October 26 - November 22. For example, a library that receives delivery on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday is considered “one week.” Libraries can choose which week they want to track. This data, from all public libraries in Wisconsin, will be used to study trends and delivery efficiencies among systems.

[Please enter the data on the Tally spreadsheet.](#) Note there are separate columns for “drop off” and “pick up,” as well as bins and bags. Read the notes on the “Instruction” tab before starting.

This data should be completed by Monday, November 25. Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

- **Data Dashboard Dissection #3**

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 staff are breaking down exploring sections 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 third “Data Dashboard Dissection”](#) focusing on library size and circulation. This task, including submitting responses via a Google form, should be completed by Tuesday, November 19.