

# 2020 TOP 10 V-Cat ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT DURING PANDEMIC

WVLS ILS Administration Team provided additional technical support and system modifications to assist libraries with service adjustments throughout the COVID pandemic.

- Transitioned to 100% remote meetings in March of 2020.
- Responded to over 800 requests for support.



## VOTING MODEL RESEARCH COMPLETED

Thank you to the Voting Models Exploratory Committee Chairs Erica Petersen of Medford and Dominic Frandrup of Antigo.

The Committee researched and recommended a more equitable representation based on libraries' relative size, circulation, and contribution to V-Cat.



## \$10,000 REBATE THROUGH CONTRACT RENEGOTIATION

A revised budget and change to the contract for OCLC Cataloging Utility will result in a projected one-time rebate of \$10,000 for V-Cat member libraries in 2021.



## SURVEYED USERS & EVALUATED ONLINE SEARCH

Thank you to the V-Cat Discovery Layer Advisory Group for their leadership on this project.

Library users were asked to share their experience using the V-Cat online catalog and the EBSCO Discovery Service.

- 1,933 users responded with over 90% reporting satisfaction with the V-Cat catalog search experience.



## IMPROVED SEARCH & DISCOVERY OF LIBRARY ITEMS

Changed the V-Cat online catalog so that subtitles with series and volume information are displayed in search results, improving search and discovery for library users.

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## NEW PHONE & TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

A transition to a new telephone and text message notification system will result in a cost savings of 50% for 2021.



## CHECKOUT CONSISTENCY FOR V-CAT LIBRARY USERS

Thank you to the Cooperative Circulation Committee and Co-Chairs Mary Stachowiak and Kitty Roesler of MCPL for their leadership on this project. V-Cat Council approved standard check out periods for most material formats across all V-Cat libraries.



## LAUNCHED CATALOGING PARTNERSHIP

Sped up the review of temporary records by launching a cataloging partnership with experienced cataloging staff at select libraries.



## SUBJECT HEADINGS PROJECT

Thank you to the Bibliographic Control and Interface Committee and Chair Chris Luebbe of MCPL for their leadership on this project.

The Committee began a project to add subject headings, where appropriate, to 14,300 records brought over from previous ILS software. (This is less than 3% of total records.) The WVLS degreed cataloging librarian will guide select V-Cat library staff to complete this project in 2021.



## FOUND A SOLUTION

The WVLS ILS Administration Team resolved a major Sierra software issue that had been impacting users across the globe.

## THANK YOU TO MEMBER LIBRARIES FOR SHARING RESOURCES!

Thank you to V-Cat Council Chair Dominic Frandrup (Antigo), Chair-Elect Stephanie Schmidt (Crandon), and Past-Chair Tammie Blomberg (Rib Lake) for their leadership.

- In 2019, V-Cat libraries circulated 229,192 items from other V-Cat libraries to their local users (including renewals).
- In 2020, the pandemic year, V-Cat libraries circulated 167,127 items from other V-Cat libraries to their local users (including renewals).