

# 2022 -cat TOP 10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

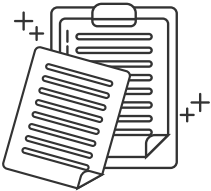


WVLS staff and V-Cat library staff **provided patrons with an improved library catalog experience with customized Aspen Discovery sites** for each library with arrays of new and featured materials supporting easy browsing, collection promotion, and readers' advisory.



V-Cat library staff **contributed to enhancing the patron experience** in Aspen Discovery by:

- Submitting custom cover images
- Assisting with record grouping improvements
- Maintaining forthcoming fiction lists
- Submitting issues tickets and suggestions for improvement

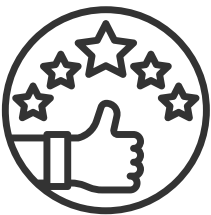


V-Cat library staff used **additional item reports provided by WVLS staff to more efficiently share resources** throughout the consortium:

- lost and replacement fines paid
- Items set to high demand over 4 months
- popular titles with holds
- items in transit
- item deletions



V-Cat library staff **enjoyed more opportunities to connect** at before, during and after in person V-Cat Council and Committee meetings, which returned in 2022.



Cooperative Circulation Committee **reaffirmed standard checkout periods as best practices** for consistent service to V-Cat patrons.

In addition, the committee worked with V-Cat member libraries to clarify item statuses for better service to patrons.

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V-Cat library staff **gathered for a Collection Development Meet Up** to find ways to make V-Cat library collections more relevant and useful to patrons.

As a result of the meeting, collection check lists of the oldest and least used materials were shared with each library to make it easier for patrons to find accurate, quality information and desirable materials in the library catalog.



ILS Evaluation and Review Committee invited V-Cat library staff to participate in the evaluation process to **identify the best product for V-Cat consortium** via product demonstrations and surveys.



WVLS staff and V-Cat library staff joined with Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) staff and member libraries to **begin the Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration (NICE) project** to determine feasibility and value of a shared ILS consortium.



To facilitate better discovery of library materials, V-Cat Bibliographic / Interface Committee **clarified collaborative cataloging practices** and V-Cat library staff attended cataloging trainings provided by WVLS staff.



To improve the library catalog experience for patrons and work more efficiently as consortium members, **V-Cat library staff attended over 70 trainings and individual library consults.**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTORS!



## THANK YOU TO OUR LEADERS!

In 2022 V-Cat welcomed 3 new library directors:

- Ada Demlow (Antigo)
- Laurie Ollhoff (T. B. Scott Free Library in Merrill)
- Amber Brill (Greenwood Area Library)

V-Cat Council, Chair: Jenny Jochimsen (Abbotsford),  
Chair Elect: Peggy O'Connell (Minocqua)  
Cooperative Circulation Committee, Chair: Laurie Renel-Faledas (Crandon)  
Bibliographic / Interface Committee, Chair: Chris Luebbe (MCPL)  
ILS Evaluation and Review Committee, Chair: Alexander Johnson (MCPL)  
Northern Wisconsin ILS Consortium Exploration (NICE) Team  
Forthcoming Fiction Workgroup  
Record Grouping Workgroup  
Collection Development Meet Up Participants