



1) Delivery Service Update

WVLS was notified last week that the Waltco hubs in Wausau and Eau Claire would be closing at the end of the month. This means that WVLS needs a new vendor to operate courier for its member libraries. We are in the process of meeting with vendors.

Know that we are working diligently to avoid service disruptions and keep delivery service running as smoothly as possible. We ask for your trust in us and your patience. We will keep you posted with changes and updates.

2) New Director at Stetsonville

Ellyn Laska is the new director at the Stetsonville Public Library. She replaces Carla Huston, who recently took the position as director of the Black Earth Public Library.

Welcome, Ellyn!

3) YSIE Get-Together in March

The first WVLS Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE) Get-Together for 2025 will take place in person on Wednesday, March 5 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Tomahawk Public Library, located at 300 West Lincoln Ave. Light refreshments will be provided.

After touring the library, attendees will get the chance to meet the new WVLS Public Services Consultant, hear about highlights from the Power Up Conference, and discuss Game/Play/Collaborative Collections geared toward youth in their libraries. Bring ideas to share with the group.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage and learn! [Register by Monday, March 3](#). Questions can be directed to Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org.

4) Upcoming V-Cat Training Opportunities

- V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training I - Attaching Items
Friday, February 14; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
[Join the Training](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of attaching item records to existing bibliographic records in the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog materials or add items in Sierra. This is geared toward library staff new to adding items in Sierra or anyone interested in refresher training.

- V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training II - MARC Alerts
Friday, February 21; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
[Join the Training](#)

This training will introduce and review the process of adding MARC Alert bibliographic records to the V-Cat Sierra database. It is open to all library staff who catalog. This is geared toward library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in refresher training.

5) What's New

- **WVLS February Newsletter:** Features include: MCPL's Homebound program, reference interviews, and more. [View it here.](#)
- **Digital Byte:** In this Digital Byte, Kristie Hauer, Assistant Director for the Nicolet Federated Library System, discusses reference interviews. Learn what they are and why they are important. [Watch it here.](#)
- **February Web Trainings:** Several web training sessions are happening this month, including Website 201, Using Divi Supreme Pro to Improve Website Accessibility, and Scheduling Elements with the Divi Supreme Pro Plugin. The sessions can last 60 minutes and are recorded. [Read more information and register.](#)

6) V-Cat Survey

WVLS is updating its strategic plan for V-Cat and identifying priority project areas for the next three to five years. Please complete this [survey](#) by Friday, February 21 to shape how V-Cat member libraries work together and share resources with library users. The survey is open to anyone who works at a V-Cat member library and will take about 20 minutes to complete.

For reference, the [2021-2023 V-Cat Strategic Plan](#) is available on the [V-Cat resources and documents page](#) of the WVLS website.

7) Upcoming Webinars

The following webinar opportunities are sponsored by public library systems in Wisconsin.

- Materials Concern Preparedness: Leaning into the Challenge
Wednesday, February 19; 10 - 11 a.m. [Register](#)
- IFLS Webinar Series
 - A Community for All: Disability Inclusion in Library Services with Shelley Harris
Wednesday, February 19; 1 - 2:30 p.m. [Register](#)
 - A Community for All: Building Lifelong Community Connections Through Programming with Shelley Harris
Wednesday, March 12, 1 - 2:30 p.m. [Register](#)

Both webinars will be recorded, captioned, and available on the IFLS website and IFLS Staff Academy. Each will provide 1.5 contact hours for public library directors certification.