



### **1) Delivery Service Update**

WVLS was notified in early February 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.

WVLS met with several new vendors last week and is in the process of gathering information and references. We are working diligently to avoid service disruptions and keep delivery service running as smoothly as possible. We will keep you posted with changes and updates.

### **2) 'Gale Presents: Udemy' Upcoming Promotion**

WVLS will offer a Gale Presents:Udemy promotion for its member library patrons in March. Patrons who complete a Udemy course will be eligible to win prizes. Watch for more information in next week's *Monday Mentions*.

### **3) 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.

### **4) 'Keeping it Together' This Friday**

WVLS member library directors are invited to the second *Keeping it Together* meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 21.

February's topic: Patron Privacy in Unusual Times

WVLS staff will review an updated presentation addressing emerging privacy concerns, plus resources for library administration and frontline staff for both standard and evolving privacy protocols. An open discussion on patron privacy management will follow. The meeting link was shared via the director's email list.

## 5) 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](mailto:jmatczak@wvls.org).

## 6) V-Cat Training Opportunities

- 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. Library staff new to cataloging in V-Cat or interested in a refresher training are encouraged to attend.

- V-Cat Sierra WISCAT Interlibrary Loan Training  
Thursday, February 27, 1:30 p.m.  
[Join the Training](#)

Attendees will learn how to manage lending and borrowing in Sierra for WISCAT interlibrary loan transactions. Library staff who perform WISCAT interlibrary loan duties are encouraged to attend.

## 7) WPLC Public Library Data Dashboard Access Extended

Thanks to additional support from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the WPLC Data Dashboard access has been extended until June 30. The Dashboard pilot initially ran from September 3 - December 31, 2024.

The dashboard includes over 35 data points from the Annual Report, as well as some customized calculations. The dashboard can be accessed on the [WPLC website](#).

## 8) EBSCO Solar Grant

For the tenth year in a row, EBSCO is accepting applications for grants that will fund solar installations at libraries around the world. EBSCO will be making a total of \$300,000 in grants available. Submissions are due by April 30. [Read more and apply](#).