



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 meant that WVLS and the IFLS Library System needed to find new vendors to operate courier for its member libraries.

- **Week of February 10:** WVLS member libraries were notified and WVLS staff met with three delivery vendors.
- **Week of February 17:** WVLS assessed delivery vendors ability and capacity to do deliveries as libraries have come to expect. Purple Mountain Solutions was selected as the vendor best able to fulfill our goals for service.
- **Week of February 24:** This is the final week of service with Waltco. WVLS is working with Waltco staff on getting all library keys returned to WVLS.

The new vendor, Purple Mountain Solutions, will begin service the week of March 3. While days of delivery will be the same, we anticipate that delivery times might vary. Please be patient with WVLS and with the Purple Mountain team as this new service is implemented.

For Makerspace and Equipment Kits: Please add at least two business days to the start and end of bookings for kits from outside WVLS to account for longer delivery times.

Similar to Waltco, WVLS will manage the services provided through Purple Mountain on behalf of our libraries. Any communications and concerns about deliveries should be addressed to courier@wvls.org.

2) 'Gale Presents: Udemy' Upcoming Promotion

To create awareness of *Gale Presents:Udemy* courses among WVLS staff and member library patrons, WVLS is sponsoring a Tote Bag Giveaway for its member libraries and patrons in the month of March! [Gale Presents: Udemy](#) is an online learning platform that connects users to video-based courses taught by leading experts in business, technology, and more. WVLS has 15 cream-colored tote bags to offer.

The giveaway will run from March 1-31. WVLS member library patrons (any age) who complete a 1 hour Udemy course from March 1 - 31 will be eligible to receive a tote bag. Patrons could also complete two courses totaling 1 hour. Any course can be chosen.

[See the Digital Lite](#) for more details and for promotional tools to use at your library. Contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org for questions.

3) UW-Madison iSchool Continuing Education Events

- The UW-Madison iSchool is proud to feature alumni in their annual spring webinar series in March. This is a free series, open to anyone. [Sign up for one or all three of the webinars](#).
- [Registration is open](#) for Lead the Way: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement (Madison/Hybrid), April 21-22.
- Proposals are being accepted for two fall conferences. Speakers receive free or reduced registration rates. Proposals from libraries of all sizes and types are welcome.
 - [Upgrade: Enhancing Library Services with Technology](#) (held in Madison), proposals due Sunday, March 2.
 - [Back in Circulation 2025](#) (held virtually), proposals due Sunday, April 13.

Contact the iSchool team at ce-info@ischool.wisc.edu for questions.

4) YSIE Get-Together Next Week

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](#). Contact Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org with questions.

5) V-Cat Training Opportunity

- 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.