



Monday Mentions

June 29, 2026

Things to Know This Week

This Week

- The WVLS Office will be closed on Friday, July 3. Delivery service will run as usual.
 - Libraries that are closed on Friday will not receive a make up day this week.
 - Sorting will be affected because of the WVLS office and library closures. Libraries might notice fewer items delivered early next week.
 - Contact courier@wvls.org with any questions.
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Registration Open for 'Tech Days'

Tech Days Wisconsin is a two-day webinar series on September 15 and 16, focused on tech-related continuing education topics. All webinars are free to attend!

Registration for the following sessions will open soon!

- AI with Heart - How informational professionals can thoughtfully and ethically engage with emerging AI technologies while continuing to center community needs and values.
- AI Book Clubs and Digital Literacy for Seniors - A practical example of how one library launched beginner-friendly AI literacy workshops and developed innovative AI-enhanced book clubs.
- Sustainable Tech Help with DigitalLearn and Teen Volunteers - A hands-on look at the new DigitalLearn platform and how one library used it to support adult learners and create service-learning opportunities for teens.
- Generative AI and Library Collections: From Policy to Selection and Beyond - Understand the impact of generative AI on publishing and learn how one library developed guidelines, a collection policy, and trained staff in this area.

Tech Days is sponsored by all 15 Wisconsin Public Library Systems.

Upcoming V-Cat Trainings

V-Cat Sierra WISCAT Interlibrary Loan Training

Monday, June 29 at 2:00 PM

Attendees will learn how to manage lending and borrowing in Sierra for WISCAT interlibrary loan transactions. This training will benefit library staff who perform WISCAT interlibrary loan duties.

[Join This Training](#).

V-Cat Sierra Create Lists Training – Part II

Friday, July 17 from 2 to 4:00 PM

This training will cover tips and tricks for using the Sierra Create Lists function and manipulating data in Excel. Depending upon the interests of attendees, assistance will be provided for developing queries for specific projects as time allows.

This training will benefit staff who want to learn to create record lists to review patron, item or bibliographic record information to review and update records or for collection maintenance; as well as staff who want to learn advanced tips and tricks for better queries and better results.

Complete the [registration form](#) if you would like to attend.

Job Opportunities

The **Withee Public Library** Board of Trustees is accepting applications for a director, who reports to, and implements the policies and vision of, a five-member Board of Trustees.

The Library Director Position is currently 22 hours a week; the salary is based on qualifications and experience. Limited benefits are available. The library is currently open 32 hours per week. Submit a cover letter, resume, 3 non-relative letters of reference, and a job application to:
Withee Public Library Board of Trustees P.O Box 147 Withee, WI 54498

Job Applications can be found online or may be picked up at the Withee Public Library.

The **Frances L. Simek Memorial Library in Medford** has two open positions.

Library Page/Shelver. Part-Time, with a schedule including afternoon, evening and rotating Saturday hours. Duties include sorting and shelving books, straightening shelves and some simple circulation desk duties. The starting pay is \$10.50. Benefits are not available.

Public Services Specialist. Part-Time, 28 hours a week, with occasional weekend/evening hours. Duties include helping with children's programming, taking care of the library pets, general circulation desk, and public service duties. Computer and public relation skills are necessary. Library or similar experience preferred, but not required. The starting pay is \$15.50. Partial benefits are available.

Application forms are available at Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford, 400 N. Main Street, Medford. Both positions will remain open until filled.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Next Ryan Dowd Training

The Science of Conflict (for Libraries)

Thursday, July 9; 1:00 PM

Attendees will learn:

- How trauma changes your approach to rule enforcement
- How you should begin every conversation to minimize conflict
- Why "being professional" can make things worse

Contact WVLS Education Consultant Jamie Matczak (jmatczak@wvls.org) for the registration link. The recording of the live training will be available in the Homeless Training Academy in Niche Academy.

PLA Webinar: Centering Makers' Values

Join PLA on July 14 at 1:00 PM for Centering Makers' Values: An Outcomes Framework for Adult Makers in Public Libraries, a free webinar exploring how public library makerspaces and making activities can support hands-on, community-centered engagement.

Presenters will introduce a new research-based outcomes framework designed to help libraries strengthen responsive, inclusive, maker-centered services for adults. Makerspace leaders from both a small and large public library will also share practical strategies for centering makers' values while working within real-world constraints such as limited staffing, time, resources, and administrative challenges.

Reminders

WVLS Job Opportunity: WVLS is seeking a full-time ILS Administrator to join our team in Wausau. This key leadership role reports directly to the WVLS Director and plays a vital part in supporting library services across our 7-county region. This position operates in a hybrid remote/in-office environment.

The WVLS ILS Administrator is responsible for:

- Managing the efficient operation of the WVLS Integrated Library System (ILS), including performance monitoring, administration, maintenance, upgrades, and reporting.
- Delivering professional, courteous ILS administrative support, training, and services to 34 remote public libraries and branches.
- Communicating effectively with diverse stakeholders in both individual and group settings.
- Providing strategic and operational leadership for V-Cat consortium services.

Read a full description and find application information on the website. Applications received by Monday, July 13 will receive first consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Closure Survey: WVLS requests that all member public libraries respond to a survey to collect library closure dates on and around major holidays from August - September 2026. Survey responses will alert WVLS staff to adjust due dates in Sierra and inform Purple Mountain of modification to a library's courier schedule.

Please have a staff member complete this survey on behalf of your library as soon as possible.