



Monday Mentions

July 6, 2026

Things to Know This Week

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.

New Email Address for WISPUBLIB

The WISPUBLIB email list will move to a new hosting platform starting on Monday, July 13. On this day, messages should be sent to wispublib@wils.org.

Messages sent to the old address, wispublib@lists.wplclists.info, will no longer work. To stay subscribed to the list and continue to receive WISPUBLIB messages, no further action is needed.

Upcoming V-Cat Trainings

V-Cat Sierra Cataloging Training I - Attaching Items

Monday, July 6 at 2:00 PM

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 training will benefit library staff new to adding items in Sierra or anyone interested in a refresher. Attendees can join this meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Library Compliance with the ADA Title II Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Wednesday, July 8 at 10:00 AM

The WCAG Rule requires state and local governments to ensure that their services, programs, and activities are accessible to people with disabilities. This program will cover what libraries need to do to achieve this compliance. Library Compliance with the ADA Title II Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Rule.

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

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.

Navigating the Legal & Financial Framework Under Chapter 43 (Collaborating for Community Success Series)

Thursday, July 16; 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Presented by William Oemichen, JD Local Government Law Educator, UW Extension

As part of the series Collaborating for Community Success and hosted and coordinated by the UW-Madison Division of Extension Local Government Education, this webinar will explore the intricate components of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes which outlines and powers Wisconsin's public libraries. Whether you are preparing for your next budget cycle or looking to strengthen your advocacy skills, this session will equip you with the foundational legal and financial knowledge to confidently manage and champion your library's vital resources. Please share this information with municipal connections! [Register for this webinar.](#)

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.

OSRT Survey and Webinar

The Outreach Services Round Table is hosting a virtual conversation "Outreach: Relationship-Building Successes & Challenges" in August, and help is needed. Please take five minutes to fill out a survey and share your thoughts on partnerships, outreach, and relationship building. Responses are anonymous.

Register for the conversation now:

Outreach Relationship Building Successes & Challenges

Monday, August 17 from 2 – 3 PM

The discussion will include sharing successes, challenges, and strategies related to outreach relationship building.

Reminder

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.