



1. New Census Resource Webpage

WVLS just launched a [new Census 2020 page](#) on its website. Included are resources, timelines, fact sheets, social media shares and more. You can also find the site from the homepage under “Resources.” Let WVLS be your one-stop shop for all things Census 2020.

2. More Census News

- A new analysis released November 18 reveals that more than \$1 billion in federal funding for libraries will be allocated to states based on the 2020 Census. Published by Professor Andrew Reamer of the George Washington Institute of Public Policy at George Washington University, the study pinpoints the financial impact the census will have on libraries. [Read more.](#)
- ALA will hold a free webinar for library staff, “Library Programs and Partnerships in the 2020 Census,” on December 16. Strategies for libraries to reach groups at risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census will be emphasized. [Read more.](#)

3. New Digital Byte

In the latest Digital Byte, Anne talks about how your library can create its own online digital book club. [You can view it here.](#)

4. New State-Level Community Engagement Training

The Public Library Development arm of Wisconsin’s Department of Public Instruction is proud to partner with the American Library Association for a new state-level community engagement training, Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities.

Thriving Libraries, a team of consultants trained in community engagement and leadership development techniques, is providing the expertise for this 18-month hands on, cohort-based training. **Up to 20**

two-person teams--consisting of one library staff member and one community member--will be trained in this inaugural effort. An informational webinar will be offered on Wednesday, December 17 at 11 a.m. It will include an overview of the training, expected time commitments, learning goals, and the requirements for the competitive application process for both Teams and Coaches. [Read more.](#)

5. Children's Services Toolkit Available

New from ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children) is a free downloadable toolkit to help all youth librarians and libraries in supporting the need for excellent youth services. Using clear facts, imagery and language, the toolkit can become a powerful persuader when facing non-support from funders, boards or even administrators in explaining the importance of children's services. [Read more.](#)

6. Hold Redelivery Feature Available on Overdrive

OverDrive just announced their new Hold Redelivery feature. This new feature will replace auto-checkout and give readers more control over their holds and help their waitlists cycle more efficiently. Watch for an update in early 2020. [Read more.](#)

7. Community Health Challenges Webinar

Public libraries are uniquely positioned to help their communities address substance misuse, homelessness, and mental health concerns, by connecting residents with accurate information and resources. Libraries are seen by many as safe, neutral spaces; but some topics carry fear and stigma that can have an outsized impact on staff and community members' ability to respond. [Read more.](#)