



Because information is changing quickly, WVLS will send out an email each weekday around 9 a.m., featuring new developments for our member libraries related to COVID-19.

1) What's New on the COVID-19 Webpage

- Status of Member Libraries
- Updated FAQ (sections highlighted in yellow are new)
- Thorp PL [Stuck at Home Webpage](#)
- Antigo PL Press Release on Services Offered

2) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

WVLS will host two virtual discussions per week for member library directors or a proxy to ask questions, share ideas, and connect. **The first one will be Today at 1 p.m.** These 90-minute discussions will be recorded and archived on the webpage. Use the information below to join the meeting.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/448174373>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 448-174-373

Join from a video-conferencing room or system.

Dial in or type: 67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com

Meeting ID: 448 174 373

Or dial directly: 448174373@67.217.95.2 or 67.217.95.2##448174373

3) Please contact help@librarieswin.org if your services ever change, so we can keep our website updated.

4) Survey on Remote V-Cat Council Meeting

In preparation for a remote attendance only V-Cat Council meeting, a survey has been emailed to current V-Cat Representatives to complete. Our goal is to ensure all representatives or their alternates/proxies have access to the minimum capabilities needed for a meaningful meeting. V-Cat Representatives and Directors, please make your best efforts to submit one response per representative/library by noon on Wednesday, March 25th. If you have any questions, or did not receive the survey link, please contact Katie at ils.admin@wvls.org.

5) Professional Development for Librarians

- Because they are virtual, the WVLS/NWLS/SWLS [Customer Service webinar series](#) in April, presented by Pat Wagner, will go on as planned.
- Looking for a little direction as you work from home? What a great time to engage in virtual professional development activities. System and State Continuing Education Coordinators are always working hard to bring you fresh content on a wide variety of subjects pertinent to our profession. Here's a point of entry for professional development opportunities on lots of different subjects. [Read more](#).

6) New Digital Byte: COVID-19 Resources

Jamie talks about COVID-Resources for WVLS member libraries. [Watch it here](#).

7) Advisory on Open Meetings and COVID-19

The DOJ Office of Open Government, our state's authority on open meetings law, has issued an advisory in response to inquiries as to the applicability of the Wisconsin's open meetings law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81 to 19.98, in light of current public health concerns regarding COVID-19. As explained in the advisory linked below, "governmental bodies typically can meet their open meetings obligations, while practicing social distancing to help protect public health, by conducting meetings via telephone conference calls if the public is provided with an effective way to monitor such calls (such as public distribution, at least 24 hours in advance, of dial-in information for a conference call)." The open meetings law "does not require meetings to be held in publicly owned places like the library or city hall; they must be held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public.

For complete information, see the [advisory](#). If you have any questions about open meetings law, please contact the Office of Open Government's Public Records/Open Meetings Help Line at 608-267-2220.

We have included this information in the [Administration FAQ on the new COVID-19](#).

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