



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 WVLS COVID-19 Webpage

- Status of Member Libraries (If your library wants to add additional information about being closed or who to contact, please notify the Help Desk at help@librarieswin.org).
- Governor Orders (Under Health Resources toggle)
- Updated FAQ Document (attached).

2) "Safer at Home" Order

- Emergency Order #12: [Safer at Home Order](#)
- What does [Safer at Home Mean for Libraries?](#)
- Safer at Home [FAQ Sheet](#)

3) Access to Ancestry

Late last week, WVLS learned from WiLS that "Access to Ancestry has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until the end of April and will be re-evaluated monthly as needed." We requested access and patrons can now use Ancestry at home by logging into their account in the library catalog, and clicking the link for Ancestry Library.

If your library uses WordPress for your website, Anne created a web banner that links to the log-in page. Submit a help ticket (help@librarieswin.org) to request this.

4) 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 second one will be today at 1 p.m.** These 60-minute discussions will be recorded and archived on the webpage.

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/413043557>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 **Access Code: 413-043-557**

5) ALA Annual Canceled

The American Library Association's Executive Board announced today that the 2020 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition scheduled for June 25-30 in Chicago has been canceled.

"ALA's priority is the health and safety of the library community, including our members, staff, supporters, vendors and volunteers," said Wanda K. Brown, ALA president. "As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, it's become clear that in the face of an unprecedented situation, we need to make tough choices."

2020 will mark the first time in 75 years that ALA has not held an Annual Conference. The last cancellation took place in 1945 as World War II neared its end. [Read more.](#)

6) Signage and Text in Other Languages

The [IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section](#) is working with the [Australian Library and Information Association](#) to create translated signage and text for libraries to communicate with their communities about library closures and changes to programs. Freely downloadable in 30 languages (and counting), [you are welcome to share, edit and adapt this content](#) to your own library's needs.