



COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

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).

2) WAPL Conference Canceled

We regret to inform you that the 2020 WAPL Conference, scheduled for April 29 – May 1, has been canceled due to concerns about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This unanimous decision was made by the WLA Board and WAPL leadership in light of the developments over the last few days, including elevated warnings from the CDC and WHO, growing travel restrictions worldwide, and increasing numbers of requested cancellations from presenters. [Read more.](#)

3) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

The Staying Together Discussion Recording from Wednesday, March 25 [is posted here](#). The recording link is “Unlisted,” meaning it is not searchable on YouTube. Only people with the link will access it.

The Google Doc of [Ideas that we generated is here](#).

The next discussion will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 27. We are going to try this using “BlueJeans,” as we can add more than 26 people using this software. It’s similar to GotoMeeting.

Jamie will log on 15 minutes early if you want to check your microphone. Below is the log-in information:

Meeting URL

https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731?src=join_info

Or Dial in:

+1.888.748.9073 (United States(Primary))

Enter the meeting ID and passcode followed by #

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

Passcode: 1960

4) Online Only Library Cards

During this unusual time, we are encouraging libraries to follow this process to grant new library patrons access to digital resources. Please attempt to follow your library's usual policies and procedures as closely as possible when creating new online only library cards.

There are two options for libraries to create online only cards:

- 1) If your library staff has access to a stock of patron library cards
- 2) If your library does not have access to a stock of patron library cards

See the PDF on Guidelines. (Attached).

5) V-Cat Meeting

WVLS is postponing the full V-Cat meeting until May 7. We will work with individuals to be sure remote access capabilities are set up and functioning meaningfully. The agenda and meeting documents will be published by April 23.

6) New, Temporary Resources Available in BadgerLink

Thanks to past and present vendors, we now have 4 new, temporary resources in BadgerLink, provided to Wisconsin residents during the COVID-19 pandemic when access to more licensed, quality information is of the greatest importance. [Read more.](#)

7) Remote and Online Services to Children webinar

The [recording and resources are posted](#) for the “Remote and Online Services to Children” webinar, which was presented yesterday.

8) COVID-19 Information for School Libraries

There is a new web page, COVID-19 Information for School Libraries, created to provide school library media specialists with easier access to information specific to their field. Within the page, there are also links to many other DPI resources, such as the main DPI Information on COVID-19 page and Offers for Internet Services. [Read more.](#)