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).
  ○ Updated FAQ (attached)

2) **Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions**
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
Enter the meeting ID and passcode followed by #
Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731   Passcode: 1960

3) **Recollection Wisconsin Digital Projects Toolkit**
The Recollection Wisconsin Digital Projects Toolkit is a free online course covering the basics of digitization projects. https://recollection-wisconsin.thinkific.com/ There are 5 modules -- project planning, copyright, scanning, metadata, and storage -- that each take around 30 minutes to complete. The course was created by Recollection Wisconsin in 2016 with support from WPLC,

and updated in 2019 to go along with the DPI-funded digitization kits for public library systems. Read more.

4) Absentee Voter ID Requirement

~~When a voter visits myvote.wi.gov to request a ballot, they have the option of selecting a box that reads, "I certify that I am indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity or disability and request ballots be sent to me for every election until I am no longer confined or fail to return a ballot." The voter is then able to skip the step of uploading an ID in order to receive a ballot for the April 7 election. Under this interpretation, voters are confined due to the COVID-19 illness. When the Stay at Home order by the Governor is lifted, the voter can change their designation back by contacting their clerk or updating their information in myvote.wi.gov.~~

~~See Wisconsin Elections Commission - "I'm an older Wisconsin voter page" for general guidelines that do not specifically address home confinement due pandemic emergency order. Their Voter Photo I.D. page states: "Voters who wish to vote an absentee ballot by mail will need to provide a copy of their photo ID to their municipal clerk before a ballot will be mailed to them. There are provisions in the law for voters who may be indefinitely confined due to 'age, illness, infirmity or disability' and for voters who reside in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities or other care facilities."~~

Note: Please disregard this information shared. An update will be posted in the March 30 Daily Update.

5) Library Parking Lots Are Some Families' Only Place For Internet (WPR)

In rural Marathon County, there's a new gathering place for a time of social distancing: The library parking lot. Stacey Botsford lives about 5 miles north of Athens, where she and her husband run the organic farm Red Door Family Farm.

"We happen to be in the Bermuda Triangle of internet service," Botsford said. "There's no amount of money we could pay to get internet at our house."

That means the Marathon County Public Library in Athens is the nearest place with a reliable wireless internet signal. Read more.