



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).
- Example of an [online only library card application](#) from T. B. Scott

2) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

The Staying Together Discussion Recording from Friday, March 27 [is posted here](#). The updated [shared Google doc is here](#).

The next discussion will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. To ensure we have room for everyone, please have only one log-in per library. If you want to check your sound, Jamie will log on 10 minutes prior to the meeting starting. The log-in information will be in tomorrow's daily, and on the COVID-19 webpage.

The meeting on Friday, April 3, will be held at 10 a.m.

3) WVLS Odds & Ends

- The first of three "Customer Service" webinars, presented by Pat Wagner, is this Wednesday, April 1, at 1 p.m. It's called, "The Ethics of Library Customer Service." [Register here](#).

- Because of the overwhelming circumstances for libraries based on the pandemic, the WVLS April Newsletter will not be published. It will continue for May.
- The WVLS scholarships (which if awarded, can be deferred to 2021), are due on April 13. [See the page for more information and an application.](#)

4) Update to Absentee Voter ID Requirement

Check your voter status and register to vote **no later than 5 PM Monday, March 30**, at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterToVote> You will need to update your registration if you have moved or changed your name.

Request an absentee ballot **no later than 5 PM Thursday, April 2** using <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee> Review the following tutorials for guidance on how to request an absentee ballot: [video](#) and/or [blog post/video](#).

If you are an adult at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 (i.e. over the age of 65 or have a serious underlying medical condition such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, HIV, or in some cases pregnancy) then you can choose to check the box next to “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,” which allows you to skip uploading a copy of your photo ID. Since publication of a [Legislative Reference Bureau memo](#) requested by legislative leaders last Friday, it is no longer advisable for you to request an absentee ballot and select the “indefinitely confined” option **based solely upon the Governor's “Safer at Home” order** so as to skip the uploading a photo ID. See Kris Adams Wendt’s email posted to the WVLS All Subscribers listserv at 2:22 on Friday, March 27 for more details.

5) Digital Content Added

We are very excited to announce that, to help support Wisconsin libraries and their patrons during these unprecedented times, the Department of Public Instruction is awarding the WPLC and Wisconsin’s Digital Library \$250,000 in LSTA funds as part of an IMLS grant for digital content.

6) Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: Successful Ways to Work Remotely (webinar)

Thursday, April 2; 1 p.m

With library closures and mandated quarantines, public library staff may be struggling to transition from a public-facing role to working from home. In this webinar, participants will learn about software and technology options, gain best practices for being a successful remote employee or manager, and have the opportunity to share and ask questions.

Facilitators: Cindy Fesemyer, Adult and Community Services Consultant, Public Library Development, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction; Toby Greenwalt, Director, Digital Strategy & Technology Integration, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PA; Angela Maycock, PLA Manager, Continuing Education

[Registration Information](#)

7) Media Briefings

There's now a [Watch the latest media briefing](#) link at the WI DHS webpage. Briefings are held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. There is a briefing scheduled for [today, March 30, at 1:30 p.m.](#)

8) Lake Superior Libraries Symposium 2020 Cancelled

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic currently affecting the world, we will not be holding the Lake Superior Libraries Symposium in June 2020. We are postponing this event until next year, June 2021, and we look forward to exploring our theme of Mapping Our Identity then.