



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
- [Staying Together](#): COVID-19 Discussion from March 20 (recording)
- LEAN Wisconsin Remote Work Support and Recommendations (attached)

2. Remote Desktop Access Support For Library Staff

WVLS is beginning to roll out a scalable strategy for remote access by library staff to computer and network resources in libraries. We are focusing on the use of Splashtop Remote licensing which will enable library staff to connect to library resources from personal or library-owned computers from outside of the library. This will let staff access their work computer from home in a remote desktop manner similar to what the LEAN WI support partners use with member libraries now.

Our secondary focus will be on enabling direct access via VPN connectivity from library-owned, WVLS-managed laptops into the network.

HOW TO REQUEST ACCESS: Directors and/or managers:

- Send an email to help@librarieswin.org with "Remote Desktop Access" in the subject line.
- Indicate the number of staff for whom you'd like to request remote access support.

- We will send you a link to a Google Form to fill out for each staff member that you'd like to be able to have remote access to a staff computer in the library.

3) 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 Tuesday, March 24 at 1 p.m.** These 60-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/413043557>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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

4) Audiobooks have been added to the Wisconsin Digital Library Lucky Day collection. There are 1861 titles and 2006 copies for check out. Lucky Day audiobooks have a max checkout of 2 per patron at one time, and a loan period of 14 days.

5) Remote and Online Services to Children

Wednesday, March 25 at 12 p.m.

Presenters:

Anne Hamland (Public Services Consultant, Wisconsin Valley Library Service)

Abby Landers (Instruction and Electronic Resources Librarian, Viterbo University)

Marge Loch-Wouters (Youth Services Consultant, Southwest Library System, WI)

Looking for a place to start when developing and presenting remote and online programs for your community's kids? Join us for ideas! The iSchool is hosting this free webinar.

Registration link: <https://ischool.wisc.edu/continuing-education/free-webinars/>

6) Information for WISCAT Libraries During Widespread Library Closures

We understand that for many library staff members, interlibrary loan may be the last thing on your mind during this chaotic time. That said, the WISCAT team wants to provide you with the information and resources you need to answer ILL-related questions, and to get back up and running with WISCAT when the time comes. [Read more.](#)

7) Census Field Operations Suspended /Tax Filing Extended

- In response to COVID-19, the Census Bureau announced these changes on March 15 and March 18. [Read more.](#)
- The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. [Read more.](#)

8) How to Re-purpose Content and Save You Time

Re-purposing content is the act of finding new ways to recycle your existing content. It's basically taking one piece of content, say an email newsletter, and re-formatting it for different mediums like social media, a blog post, and a press release. [Read more.](#)

