



## 1. Coronavirus Resources

- A [Guide to COVID-19 \(coronavirus disease 2019\)](#) for Public Libraries.
- This past week, many public libraries found themselves grappling with a real and unexpected threat. The 2019 Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is causing many libraries to consider how they can best share information about the disease and protect their patrons. [Read more.](#)
- Library 2.0 Special Webinar - "Librarians Respond to Coronavirus and Other Pandemics" on March 26, [Register here.](#)
- [CDC Posters](#) in English and Other Languages

## 2. WAPL Registration Now Open

[Registration for the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries](#) (WAPL) annual conference for 2020 is now open! The conference will run April 29 – May 1, 2020 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center in Oshkosh, WI.

As a bonus for signing up early, if you register in the next three weeks you'll be eligible to win a gift certificate for either Kwik Trip or the Ground Round Restaurant at the Best Western Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh!

## 3. WLA Conference Calling for Program Proposals

The WLA Programming Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2020 WLA annual conference! The conference will be held in Green Bay from October 27-30 at the KI Convention Center. The Conference already boasts a fantastic lineup of keynote speakers, including Sarah Vowell, Stephen Franck and Nigel Poor. This year's theme is Storytelling. In every library, large and small, there is a story to tell. Come tell your story at the WLA Conference and join trustees, academics, public librarians, special librarians, paraprofessionals and more as we grow together as a profession. Use this link to submit your proposal: <http://wla.memberclicks.net/2020-wla-conference-call-for-proposals>

## 4. Barcodes Ordering

WVLS will be placing an order this month for item barcodes. This will be the only order until Fall 2020, so please take a careful look at your inventory. The cost of barcodes varies depending on the size of the order. Approximate cost is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per thousand.

If you would like to order barcodes, email Rachel Metzler, [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org), by Friday, March 13.

## **5. State News**

The Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) recently published a state document, Genetic Privacy in the Age of Commercial DNA Testing, made available through the Wisconsin Digital Archives. [Read more.](#)

## **6. Upcoming Webinars**

**Lessons in Community Engagement from StoryCorps on March 25:** Join StoryCorps, the national oral history project, for an in-depth look at how to engage your community and local stakeholders through storytelling. Each year, StoryCorps collaborates with hundreds of community partners in order to record and preserve diverse voices from across the U.S. In this free webinar, we'll share insights from our partnership model, discuss StoryCorps' efforts to create a representative archive, and provide best practices and case studies for engaging your library community through storytelling. [Read more.](#)

**Opioid Crisis Webinar on March 31:** Public libraries are respected local institutions that connect community members to credible information and services. As community anchor institutions, libraries are leveraging their assets in response to the opioid crisis that has gripped the country. After 16 months of research, OCLC, and the Public Library Association have released a call to action on how libraries can address the opioid crisis in their communities. [Read more.](#)

## **7. Genetic Kits Available**

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Human Genetics Film Kits contain a curated selection of materials designed to support public libraries in raising scientific literacy and awareness of precision medicine. Through attending screenings of the films and participating in wraparound discussions, library patrons will learn about human genetics and the advance of precision medicine. Applications are currently being accepted for this federally funded initiative. [More information.](#)

## **8. Customer Service Webinar Series in April (repeat)**

Nationally-known library consultant Pat Wagner will present a three-part webinar series on April 1, 8 and 15, focusing on customer service in libraries. All of the webinars will be recorded and posted to the WVLS website. Each webinar is worth 1 contact hour. Registration is now open for all three webinars. [Read more.](#)