

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) WVLS 2020 Scholarships Due Today

The WVLS Scholarships for 2020 are due by the end of today. Due to the coronavirus "Safer at Home" Order, Library Board President signatures are waived at this time. The signatures can be gathered retroactively.

You can find more information and the applications here.

2) Final Customer Service Webinar and New Recorded Webinar

Are you and your staff looking for professional development opportunities this week? The final customer service webinar presented by Pat Wagner is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, called, "When the Library Makes Mistakes." Register here.

The first recorded WVLS webinar of 2020 is now available, on our YouTube Channel. "Giving Bad News" is a presentation by Betsy Bleck, director of the Oconomowoc Public Library. This presentation is worth 1 contact hour in Category C. Watch it here.

3) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussion Tuesday

The next Staying Together Discussion this week is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m.

URL: https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731?src=join info

Call in: 1.888.748.9073 or +1.844.540.8065

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

4) Professional Development Opportunities: Youth Services Resources

Public library youth services staff tend to be highly creative, collaborative, and caring. Their efforts are a beacon of light during these difficult times. Whether you are looking for a webinar, article, or shelf-ready solution, look no further than the following resources. Read more.

5) IRS Launches New Way For People To Get Coronavirus Rebates (article)

The Internal Revenue Service unveiled a new website Friday where people who don't normally file tax returns can enter bank account information so they can receive coronavirus payments. The new site is on IRS.gov. There's a big blue button that says "Non Filers: Enter Payment Info Here." Read more.

6) Financial Resources during COVID-19 Crisis: A Webinar Event for Wisconsin Practitioners & Educators

The Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in collaboration with the Division of Extension, will host a webinar on Monday, April 27 at 10:30 am to 12 pm. The purpose of the webinar is to provide timely resources, information, and updates on Wisconsin state agency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted the financial well-being of households across the state. Presenters will include representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Register Here.

7) Documenting COVID-19

<u>Recollection Wisconsin</u> is an organization which brings together digital cultural heritage resources from Wisconsin libraries, archives, museums and historical societies and shares them with the world in partnership with the Digital Public Library of America. I saw today that they shared a great post on Twitter about community archiving efforts to document COVID-19 and its impact on our communities. <u>Read more.</u>