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](#)

  ○ V-Cat Report on 3/24/2020 Due Date Extensions (and attached)

2) WVLS Office Closed & Courier Update

The WVLS office is closed on Friday, April 10. Because of the "Safer at Home" order still in place, WVLS courier service has been suspended until further notice.

3) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussion Postponed Until Wednesday

Due to the rapid election changes yesterday, and recognizing that many of you are assisting your municipalities in election efforts, the Staying Together Discussion set for today is postponed until Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10 am.

Due to the WVLS office being closed on Friday, this will be the only discussion this week.
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) Wisconsin Election Update (4/7/20, 8 a.m.)

In-person voting for today's Spring Election **will move forward as scheduled today** following a 4-2 decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court yesterday just after 5 p.m. Monday blocking

Governor Tony Evers' Executive Order attempting to postpone it to June 9.
Polls are open across the state from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Today.

If you have requested an absentee ballot, but not received it, you MUST vote in person.
All Absentee Ballots must be postmarked or returned to your clerk's office, designated polling place, or drop box (if available) before 8 p.m. on April 7.

See the 10 Things Voters Need to Know, from the Wisconsin Election Commission.

Read more about the election.

5) Digital Byte/Participants Guide on Using Bluejeans
As many of you are starting to use Bluejeans for your library, Jamie created a Digital Byte on tips as a moderator. You can view it here.

Katie created a "Participant Guide for Users" that also might be of help. (attached)

If you would like to schedule a sound check with a WVLS staff member, please submit a Help Ticket (help@librarieswin.org).

6) WVLS 2020 Scholarships Due on Monday
 The WVLS Scholarships for 2020 are due on Monday, April 13.   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.

7)   Alternatives for Summer Library Programs
Anne Hamland is working with youth consultants across the state in exploring alternative methods to help member libraries continue to provide a summer reading program safely.

Beanstack is hosting a demonstration webinar today and Thursday at 11 a.m. CST to share the Beanstack web service and mobile app. Register to attend. Beanstack is a software that allows personalized tracking of reading, events attended, and challenges set by the library. Users earn

badges and can build reading streaks and redeem their achievements for incentives set by the library. Beanstack can send weekly book recommendations and more.

The content will be the same at the webinar today or on Thursday.

8) WI Historical Society COVID-19 Journal Project
 The Wisconsin Historical Society has long been a leader in documenting history as it happens, dating back to the Civil War when Founding Director Lyman Draper asked soldiers stationed at Camp Randall to record their daily lives in journals. You can help write a new chapter in history, chronicling the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on Wisconsin and beyond. [Learn more and sign up to take part in this project.](#)

9) Minecraft Server Available
Managed Minecraft "vanilla" server is up and configured, and available to the public. Joshua will be working in the evenings this week to publish some basic instructions for libraries interested in sponsoring a club/group/faction on the server, some programming ideas curated from programs other libraries have done in the past, and will probably give out some accounts to libraries that don't currently have any access but are interested in exploring.