



WVLS will send an email on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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 WVLS Member Libraries
- Local Holds Priority Messaging (under V-Cat Notices, Holds...)

2) "Staying Together" This Week: May 13th Only

The next Staying Together Discussion is **Wednesday, May 13 at 1 p.m.** We will talk about what your library needs to do to prepare for patrons entering the building.

Phone: +1.408.419.1715 or 1.408.915.6290 (only one number is needed to join)

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

Or Sign-in via Computer: <https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731>

3) WISCAT 101 Training on Wednesday

There will be a WISCAT 101 session via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, May 20 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. [Please use this link](#) to sign up. There is an option in the form to indicate if you would like to attend, but can't make that date/time.

The recording from the May 7th User Group meeting will be available soon.

4) Top Ten Tips to Educate Your Board

Library trustees have a big job, and sometimes it can be hard to make sure they all know everything they need to know. Join Shannon Schultz, Public Library Administration expert for

Wisconsin's Public Library Development Team and a former public library director, for a discussion about resources and strategies for making sure your library board has all the information they need to do their jobs legally and effectively. Shannon's colleagues from the Department of Public Instruction (who are both former library directors and current library board members) Cindy Fesemyer and Ben Miller will join Shannon at the end for a panel discussion and to help answer your questions. This webinar will be recorded.

Thursday, May 14 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

5) Next Youth Services Virtual Meetup

The next Youth Services Virtual Meetup is Thursday, May 21 at 11 a.m. We'll be talking about Beanstack and Take & Make stories, successes, and support.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/343026045>

You can also dial in using your phone. +1 (312) 757-3121

Access Code: 343-026-045

6) \$15 Million in IMLS CARES Act Grants Now Available for Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) [announced how it would distribute \\$15 million](#) of the remaining \$20 million of CARES Act funding the agency received. IMLS will directly award competitive grants through Grants.gov to eligible public libraries, public school libraries, academic libraries, research libraries, private or special libraries, academic or administrative units of an institution of higher education, digital libraries, the state library administrative agency (DPI), library consortia, and library associations (see the IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity for details regarding eligibility). In addition, IMLS has allocated \$1.2 million of these funds to directly grant to Native American tribes and organizations for Native American/Native Hawaiian museum and library services.

This information has been added to the Division for Libraries and Technology's [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act \(CARES Act\) for Wisconsin Libraries page](#) in order to connect

you with this information and to compile CARES Act information for libraries in one place. Questions about these IMLS grant opportunities should be directed to the IMLS program contact Anthony D. Smith, Associate Deputy Director, Office of Library Services, asmith@imls.gov, (202) 653-4716. IMLS welcomes calls from applicants and is happy to answer any questions about the grant application and review process.

7) WPLC Annual Membership Meeting

Did you miss the recent WPLC Annual Membership Meeting?

You can view the [recording of the meeting](#) here, as well as the [slides](#) from the meeting.