



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
- NEW Paging List Documents and Video Recordings (Under "V-Cat Notices, Holds, etc."): See #3 below for more information

2) Wisconsin Libraries and the State Supreme Court Ruling (Message from Shannon Schultz)

We hope this message provides some clarity in the immediate term, in light of [Wednesday's] news: While the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling has struck down the Safer at Home order, it has not changed any county or municipal public health emergency orders currently in place. Also, any action taken by a library board to close the library facility remains in place. (NOTE: the school closure portion of Safer at Home was not stricken and remains intact; therefore, schools will remain closed.)

Absent of a county and/or municipal order, a library board has the authority to reopen the library, or to keep it closed/offer limited services. Meetings by a library board must be properly noticed for a minimum of 24 hours, as reopening a library is NOT legal justification for the convening of an emergency meeting. [Read more.](#)

3) Priority to Local Holds Paging Lists and Check-In update

The Give Precedence to Local Holds circulation option was turned on Thursday evening. For more information see [Local Hold Priority Messaging \(5/11\)](#).

Now that we are giving priority to local holds, please follow the PDF instructions for paging lists and check-in of materials. (Instructions under V-Cat Notices, Holds, etc. tab on [WVLS COVID-19 webpage](#).) There are also two videos on this page that complement the PDF documents.

4) “Staying Together” on May 19

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, March 19 at 1 p.m. The topic is To Be Determined.

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>

5) WISCAT User Group Meeting Recap (Message from Gail Murray)

As promised, [here is the recording of last week’s User Group Meeting](#). The [slides](#) (which include a link to the recording on slide 1) have been added to the Documentation page, linked under your search bar when logged into your WISCAT staff account.

A couple highlights/reminders from the meeting:

- While local delivery is occurring at most library systems, statewide delivery is not happening currently and as such we are still asking that you refrain from placing requests for physical materials until further notice.
- We will be holding a WISCAT 101 training next Wednesday, May 20th from 2pm-3pm. This will be a very broad/basic WISCAT overview, intended for those brand new to WISCAT/ILL, or for those looking for a very back-to-basics refresher. [You must sign up at this link in advance in order to receive the link to join the webinar](#). In order to ensure we can share the webinar link with everyone who signs up, the registration period will end at noon on May 20th. The slides from this webinar will be shared out widely, but it will not be recorded.
- We will be in touch with more information as WISCAT eventually ramps back up.

Mark your calendars now for the next User Group Meeting – Tuesday August 4th from 1 pm to 2 pm. We will most definitely call another meeting sooner than that to discuss ramping up WISCAT operations, but the August meeting will be our next standard quarterly WISCAT User Group Meeting.

6) Surveys and Data in the Time of COVID-19

While we all continue to address the issues facing everyone during the public health event, it is important to continue to use good information to help inform decisions and actions. The Public Library Association (PLA) is seeking a new round of feedback about the work of libraries as they respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Taking this survey is a great opportunity for helping us all make informed decisions and reiterates our statewide strategy for leveraging data within our libraries. [Please complete the survey](#) by Monday, May 18. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete and all completed respondents will be automatically entered to win one of ten \$30 gift certificates to the ALA Store. [Read more](#).