



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
- Resource Sharing Update (Under V-Cat Notices, Holds...) See # 2 Below
- "Staying Together" Recording, Chat Transcript and Reopening Doc (Under Staying Together)

2) Resource Sharing Update

WVLS has worked out a plan for next steps for resource sharing among libraries. See the attached document for details. The document serves as a template for advancing resource sharing when a library chooses to do so. Please note that this is a living document and a work in progress; it will be edited and added to as situations evolve.

Every V-Cat library and its community is unique and resource sharing decisions are made by local library boards. DPI recognizes that each library and system will determine its level of physical item service, handling, and delivery based upon its ability to abide by public health protocols for staff and patrons.

Libraries may choose to begin WVLS resource sharing level three on or after Tuesday, May 26th. V-Cat libraries are encouraged to have a conversation with the other libraries in their county about level 3 resource sharing. WVLS is available to facilitate conversations among libraries. Individual libraries are asked to notify WVLS at help@librarieswin.org when they are able to share resources within their county.

3) Courier Updates:

- Starting the week of May 25, WVLS is offering its member libraries an increase of weekly courier stops. Your library can now choose to have two stops per week, Monday through

Friday. The day requested should be one of your library's previously scheduled days for delivery. This increase in service is based on DPI Library Service Level 2 in the [Guidelines for Reopening Timeline](#). If you would like this change to go into effect starting the week of May 25, please email courier@wvls.org to request your **library's extra day by Thursday, May 21, at 12 p.m.** Changes to the frequency of courier services can be requested at any time.

- Courier service will not be available on Monday May 25. Stops scheduled for the Memorial Day holiday will not be rescheduled.

4) When Your Library Reopens

When your library chooses to reopen, please send an email to help@librarieswin.org as soon as possible with the following information:

- 1) Date your library plans to reopen
- 2) Will an appointment be required to use the library?
- 3) Will an appointment be required to pick up holds?
- 4) Changes you would like made to your library's print and email hold pickup notice text - for instance, return to the original hold pickup notice
- 5) Any message you would like to appear on your library's webpage (if managed by WVLS)

WVLS will process requests in the order they are received with attention to the date your library will reopen. You will receive an email confirmation when the changes are complete.

5) WVLS Beanstack Office Hours Tomorrow

The next Beanstack Office Hour will be Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. This is for WVLS member libraries to meet virtually to work through questions and issues together.

To Join the Meeting by Web: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/264521925>

You can also dial in using your phone. [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 264-521-925

6) “Staying Together” Discussions

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, May 26 at 1 p.m.

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>

The recording, chat transcript and Reopening Document from the Tuesday, May 21 meeting can be found on the WVLS COVID-19 webpage under “Staying Together.”

7) WVLS June Newsletter

The [WVLS May Newsletter](#) highlighted ways that member libraries are providing high-quality services during our global pandemic. If you would like something featured in the June newsletter, please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

8) Digitization Kits Help Libraries Broaden Access to Unique Local Collections

Public libraries across Wisconsin collect and preserve some truly magnificent materials that document their community’s history. Unlike books and other library resources, these collections typically cannot be checked out, limiting access only to on-site, in-person patrons. Digitizing and sharing resources online significantly improve public use of these one-of-a-kind collections. Funded as part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s WISELearn program, 20 scanning kits were distributed to Wisconsin library systems for use among their member libraries. The kits include a flatbed scanner, a laptop and other key equipment necessary to digitize photographic prints, slides and historic documents. [Read more.](#)