



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](#)

- Facebook Safety Shares (Under Graphics and Templates) See #4 Below
- Library Reopening Documents, Pandemic Policy, Interim Service Plan, Blog Post on Mask Language (Under Reopening/Curbside Services)
- Status and Resource Sharing Levels of WVLS Member Libraries

2) Positioning the Library for a Post-pandemic Sustainable Future: Panel Discussion for Public Library Directors

Are you hearing, or fearing, that budget cuts are coming? Are you worried about changes in municipal and/or county funding? Are you wondering how you're going to sustain your library?

WLA's Library Legislation and Development Committee (LD&L) has experience advocating Wisconsin libraries in a variety of political and economic climates. We've been asked to put together a webinar panel to help answer your questions. The webinar will start at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 5. It will be recorded for those who miss it.

The panel will include the following individuals: Connie Meyer, LD&L Co-chair and retired (2020) Director of Bridges Library System; Kathy Klager, LD&L Co-chair and retired (2019) Director of Pauline Haass Public Library, in Sussex; Mark Arend, retired (2019) Assistant Director of Winnefox Library System; Peter Loeffel, Director of Wauwatosa Public Library; Mark Ibach, Consulting Services Coordinator for South Central Library System; Kris Adams Wendt, Public Library Consultant, Wisconsin Valley Library Service; Steve Conway, Government Relations Coordinator for WLA; CEO Conway Consulting Group

[Use this link to register](#) for the webinar. To submit your questions or concerns, please use [this Google form](#) to submit questions or concerns by June 1.

3) Facebook Share Templates for Library Expectations

Anne Hamland created some Facebook templates to encourage library safety ([see example](#)). These are located on the COVID-19 Webpage, under “Graphics and Templates.”

Libraries should insert their logo before using the graphics. If you are not confident in Canva, you are more than welcome to contact Anne to create a set for you with your custom needs.

4) WVLS Resource Sharing Updates

- Each individual library should send an email to help@librarieswin.org to let us know they are ready for a new level of resource sharing.
- Libraries should wait to pull/send items for pickup until you receive confirmation that a library is ready for resource sharing.
- Follow steps for filling holds and check-in as laid out in the WVLS Resource Sharing Phases document ([link to document here](#))
- Communicate with Jamie via courier@wvls.org when your library is ready for an additional courier stop.

As we receive information from each library, WVLS will

- Update the resource sharing status for the library on the WVLS Covid-19 resource page.
- Prepare a clean-up list of items to fill "lost" holds for each library moving to a new level.

Please let Katie know if you have any questions or concerns.

5) Ancestry Library Edition Remote Access

Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until the end of June and will be re-evaluated monthly as needed.

To access Ancestry Library Edition from home, patrons will need to sign into their account on the V-Cat Catalog. Once logged in they can click the Ancestry Library link on the top left. They will be redirected to the Ancestry Library Edition homepage. Please email help@librarieswin.org if

you have any questions.

6) New Digital Byte

Having trouble sleeping or relaxing? Jamie talks about a free app, Mindfulness, that can help reduce stress and increase productivity. You can [view it here](#).

7) Update on Hold Pickups Notifications

The SMS Text message for Hold Pickup Notification has been updated to accommodate the varying service levels of V-Cat libraries:

The item(s) you requested will be ready soon. Please check with your local library for info on Covid-19 related service changes.