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
- Friday’s Staying Together Recording and Chat Transcript
- Updated “Paging Lists and Sierra First Steps” (Under V-Cat Notices, Holds, etc.)

   When canceling holds you will need to turn off the “check-in (Do not Fulfill Holds)” tool to clear the on holdshelf status.

2) Webinar on Reopening Libraries

Please join the Division for Libraries and Technology for a webinar on the Guidelines for Reopening on Thursday, May 7, from 2 – 3 p.m.

The webinar will include an overview of the Guidelines, discussion about the library service levels, and a Q & A session driven by the participants. If you have questions that you want answered during the webinar, please feel free to add them here. Questions can be submitted in chat during the webinar as well, but we cannot guarantee that we will get to them all. Here’s the attendee link to join the webinar.

3) “Staying Together” This Week: May 5th Only

The next Staying Together Discussion is Tuesday, May 5 at 1 p.m. Because of the V-Cat Council meeting and the “Guidelines for Reopening” webinar on Thursday, there will only be one discussion this week. We will continue to follow-up with curbside service updates, as well as discuss how we and our communities are interpreting and acting on the Governor’s Safer at Home Order.
4) WVLS May Newsletter
The WVLS May Newsletter highlights a few of the many ways WVLS libraries are evolving and creating new mediums to maintain their high levels of service. You can view it here. If you are not on the email list to receive newsletter updates, you can sign up here. Thanks to all the libraries for their features this month!

5) Online Learning Opportunities from WebJunction
The WebJunction Course Catalog has library-specific courses and webinar recordings available for free to all library workers and volunteers. Through the generous support of OCLC and many state library agencies across the US, WebJunction provides timely and relevant learning content for you to access anytime, from anywhere. Read more.

6) Establishing a Style Guide for Library Videos (blog)
More libraries are producing videos. They’re using the format to deliver programs to their community. They’re using video to explain the value of their library, as they brace for the economic impact of the pandemic. And, even before COVID-19, there was mounting evidence that video is an effective and engaging way to communicate.

Any content coming out of your library will need to look like it’s coming from your library! It’s the same philosophy you may have for any print material you create. You likely have rules and specifications about the look of the text, the placement of the logo, the use of colors, and more. Your videos need a similar set of guidelines. We want people to be able to recognize your work on all platforms. Read more.

7) Listening Session Canceled
The WVLS Listening Session scheduled at the Antigo Public Library on Wednesday, May 6, has been canceled. The Fall Listening Session is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, at the Abbotsford Public Library.