



WVLS will send an email on Tuesday 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 and Resource Sharing Levels of WVLS Member Libraries

2) "Staying Together" Today

The next Staying Together Discussion is today at 1 p.m. The topic will be discussing budgeting and funding.

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) Running Overdue Notices

WVLS recommends that libraries wait at least a week after reopening to run overdue notices.

When you do resume overdue notices, please ensure that your library is caught up on the check in of items in quarantine each day before running the overdue notices.

WVLS also recommends that overdue notices are run toward the end of the day so that it is more likely that items in quarantine at other libraries have been checked in.

To possibly reduce the number of phone calls your library receives regarding items that have already been returned, libraries may want to change their first overdue notice to include "If you have already returned these items, they may still be in quarantine, please disregard this

message." Please email help@librarieswin.org to request changes to your library's overdue notice message.

4) Courier Reminder for Bins

As mentioned in [Friday's COVID Update](#), WVLS and IFLS Library System have [jointly developed courier guidelines](#). A key guideline is the recommendation that libraries **list the date and time that a bin was sealed/closed**. This practice will ensure that the 72-hour quarantine period is accurate.

5) CARES Relief Grant Deadline and Awards

The second round of CARES grant funding is open. Applications will be due July 15. The Wisconsin Humanities Council is providing rapid-response funding to nonprofit humanities and cultural organizations that are facing financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 coronavirus. Funding for these grants has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan. [Read more.](#)

6) COVID-19 INFODEMIC - Tools for Myth Busters! (blog post)

As a data specialist (and someone with family members at high risk for COVID-19), I have been following researchers and collecting a personal library of COVID-19 data visualizations, datasets, and scholarly articles. With so much information generated daily, it is hard to keep up and sift through sources to find credible information.

This week, I watched a UW Now Livestream featuring Professor Ajay Sethi on "Confronting Covid-19 Misinformation". In his talk, Professor Sethi shows how our scientific understanding of COVID-19 is improving with time. [Read more.](#)