



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 and Resource Sharing Levels of WVLS Member Libraries

2) Reopening Guide

The latest version of reopening guidelines for public libraries has been released. The [Wisconsin Public Libraries Reopening Guide](#), a collaborative effort between the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Wisconsin public library community, provides a process to help libraries develop their own reopening plans. This reopening guide focuses on the safety of staff and the community and is specific to the needs of libraries and library services during this COVID-19 public health event. The decision about how and when to reopen a library remains a local decision.

3) WVLS/IFLS Makerspace Item Lending

With our partners at IFLS, we have decided to suspend lending of makerspace items for the summer. This is to minimize the sharing of programming materials when libraries are not offering in-person programs. If you have questions or concerns about this service suspension, please contact Rachel at rmetzler@wvls.org.

4) Post-Pandemic Sustainability Webinar Today at 9

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. The webinar, "Positioning the Library for a Post-Pandemic Sustainable Future," starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 5. It will be recorded for those who miss it.

[Use this link to register](#) for the webinar.

5) "Staying Together" Discussion

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, June 9 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>

6) Webinar Opportunities

- **Providing Library Senior Services in a COVID-19 World; 11 a.m., Wednesday June 17**
How to provide library service to seniors, the most vulnerable population affected during COVID-19, has been the question raised by outreach librarians across the United States. According to the Central for Disease Control (CDC), 8 out of 10 deaths related to COVID-19 are individuals aged 65 years and older. While we might not be able to visit our seniors or facilities in-person for the foreseeable future, libraries can reach this population while we shelter in place. During this webinar, please find tips and tricks that David J. Kelsey of the St. Charles (IL) Public Library District (SCPLD) and Glenna Godinsky of the Gail Borden (IL) Public Library District recommend in serving the senior demographic during COVID-19. [Register.](#)
- **Why Your Library Needs a New, Short-Term Strategic Plan; 1 p.m., Wednesday June 24**
The city is bankrupt. The town and surrounding farmlands are destroyed by a flood. The community turns down a property tax, which decimates public services. A tornado takes

out Main Street and the library building with it. The biggest employer in town closes down. Libraries and allied institutions can weather economic and natural disasters. Sometimes the damage is permanent, but people adapt and rebuild. The COVID-19 virus is a different challenge. How can libraries survive and continue to support their communities and institutions? [Register](#).

Outcomes:

- Create a one-month strategic plan.
- And, then, another one. And another.
- Identify principles that might be self-limiting belief systems.
- Engage stakeholders individually in conversations about how their world is changing and what they want to have happen instead.