



Information sent every Thursday at 9 a.m., with developments for our member libraries related to COVID-19.

1) What's New on the [WVLS COVID-19 webpage](#)

Staying Together Recording/Chat/Discussion from 7/28

2) HR Issues in the Time of COVID-19 (webinar)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020; 10:30 – 11:30 am

Our society has gone through an unprecedented period. But as we begin the process of reopening, renewing and reinvigorating – including our HR function – what are the key points to consider as we move forward? “Business as usual” is likely not the answer. Instead, we must assess challenges and create solutions. During this interactive webinar, we will discuss “best practices” being adopted by employers and compliance with rapidly changing laws and regulations surrounding re-opening in the midst of a pandemic. Presenter: Geoffrey Trotier, Attorney, von Briesen & Roper, S.C.

[More Information and Registration.](#)

3) “Staying Together” on Tuesday, Aug. 11

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. The topic is to be determined.

4) ILS Notices Information

- Courtesy Notices are sent for most libraries three days before item due dates. The email pre-overdue courtesy notice can be customized. Please contact us at help@librarieswin.org if your library would like to change the courtesy notice to include “If you have already returned these items, they may still be in quarantine, please disregard this message.” or a similar message.

The SMS text message courtesy notice is limited to 160 characters and is a single message for all libraries. Currently the message is as follows:

"Courtesy reminder - You have items that are coming due. To renew your items text RENEW or RENEW ALL to 35143. More info at <https://catalogwvls.org/patroninfo>"

WVLS staff are concerned about removing the renew portion of the message, but are open to making a change to the following message, depending upon feedback from V-Cat libraries.

"Courtesy Reminder: You have items that are coming due. Items already returned may be in quarantine for 3 days. More info at: <https://catalog.wvls.org/patroninfo>"

If your library has a strong opinion on the SMS text message Courtesy Notices, please reach out to Katie at ils.admin@wvls.org. WVLS is testing the ability to turn off courtesy notices for libraries.

This is done by modifying the loan rules. If your library is interested in stopping pre-overdue notices temporarily, please contact us at help@librarieswin.org.

- **Overdue Notices**

If your library is running overdue notices, please run them towards the end of the day. Notices will be most accurate if your library is caught up on the check in of items in quarantine each day before running the overdue notices. Running notices at the end of the day also gives other V-cat libraries time to check in your libraries' items.

WVLS recommends that libraries do not run overdue notices on Mondays, since the 96 hour/4 day materials quarantine results in multiple day back-up of items from the previous week to be checked-in on Mondays. If your library would like to run overdue notices weekly instead of daily, WVLS recommends that libraries run overdue notices on Wednesdays.

Most loan rules are set to send overdue notices 7 days after an item is due. As long as libraries can keep up with quarantine check in, items returned on time can be checked in before overdue notices go out.

Overdue notices can be customized by library. Libraries may want to customize their print/email 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.

If your library has any concerns related to notices, or any ILS changes that might better support your library related to materials quarantine, curbside service, or other service changes, please reach out to us at help@librarieswin.org.

5) Free Coloring Book For Kids on Coping with COVID-19

The University of Wisconsin Communication Task Force for COVID-19 recently created a free activity coloring book which includes learning, strategies for coping and complying with COVID-19 safety and prevention measures, social and emotional support, and enjoyment.

The coloring book provides ten key messages written in a way children can understand. Washing hands, staying apart from friends and loved ones, staying at home, and doing fun things are organized in pictures and games throughout the book. [Read more and download the book.](#)

6) "Shield Pod" Gains Attention

An Ohio company specializing in outdoor gear has a coronavirus creation that's gaining a lot of attention. Under the Weather said it can't keep up with pre-orders for what it calls the "shield pod." It looks like a cross between a tent and a space suit that you strap on your body to form a barrier with the outside world. [Read more.](#)

7) Recommended Quarantine Time Update (repeat)

Based on the [Test 2 Results of the REALM study](#) and a recommendation from the DPI, the Wisconsin Valley Library Service and the IFLS Library System, are adjusting the quarantine of library materials to 96 hours, effective Monday, July 27. This includes items placed in library book drops and items placed in courier. The [courier guidelines](#) have been updated to reflect this practice. The Waltco terminals, as well as Statewide Delivery, will also follow this guideline.

Please continue to note the date and time that a bin is sealed/closed before it goes out for courier. If you have any questions, contact courier@wvls.org.