



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 is Summer Library Programs.

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) Statewide Delivery/WISCAT ILL Weekly Update (from Christine Barth, Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, Wisconsin DPI)

Last Thursday, there was a meeting of ILL Coordinators. We distributed a short survey to help us determine readiness for full ILL activity. [The results are available here](#). Note that we are primarily concerned with whether or not your libraries are ready to start lending, as successful borrowing of course hinges on lender participation.

As you can see on the survey results, only 50% of libraries are ready to lend. Northern Waters, Milwaukee County, South Central, IFLS, Minitex and UW-Madison continue to be closed for statewide ILL. Without their participation, request fill rates would seriously decline. We believe that WISCAT should remain suspended until we can provide a reasonable level of service.

For the foreseeable future, statewide delivery will run twice per week. This should give libraries an adequate opportunity to return all loans initiated before the shutdown on March 17. If you have materials from out-of-state lenders, we encourage you to contact the lender before sending materials back. There is a wide range of ILL activity and some lenders are not open yet or do not have any staff to receive items. If you need help with contact information please email dpirlill@dpi.wi.gov and we will send you the information.

4) Badger Talks Video: Wearing a Mask

As the U.S. grapples with surges of new COVID-19 infections, everyone is looking for ways to slow the spread of the disease. In this Badger Talks video, Professor of Population Health Sciences Ajay Sethi says that we should continue to turn to an old standby: masks. Wearing a mask helps prevent the distribution of tiny droplets from the mouth and nose that can carry the virus. Since many people who are infected with COVID-19 don't know they're sick, wearing a mask can help them avoid unwittingly infecting other people. [Watch the video.](#)

5) Tips on Helping Library Workers With Stress

The worries in our personal and professional lives are causing us to feel overwhelmed. It's okay. You are not alone. Here is [a great study](#) about how stress affects your brain. Angela shares her personal tips for coping with stress in this unique time. [Watch the video.](#)

6) CARES Grant Deadline

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. These grants are funded by the federal CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Please visit their [website](#) to find complete information about Wisconsin Humanities Cares grants.