



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](#) (this page can be found under "Resources" from the WVLS Home Page).

- Status of WVLS Member Libraries
- Staying Together Recording and Discussion Notes

2) "Staying Together" on September 22

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. The topic will be maintaining library services as winter weather sets in.

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) Realm Project Test 4 Results

The REALM project has published the results of the fourth round of Battelle's laboratory testing for COVID-19 on five materials. Four of the five items—hardcover book cover, softcover book cover, plastic protective cover, and DVD case—were part of Test 1, but in this round, the materials were stacked to simulate storage in a book drop, bin, or on shelves. The fifth item, expanded polyethylene foam, is commonly used in museum exhibits, storage, and shipping and was tested unstacked in open air. Read the [Test 4 results](#).

Currently, the Wisconsin DPI is still recommending a four-day quarantine on materials. New developments and recommendations will be shared as WVLS receives them.

4) Ancestry Library Edition Remote Access Extended

Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until December 31, 2020 and will be re-evaluated monthly as needed.

Please email help@librarieswin.org with questions on how patrons can access this resource.

5) Compassion in Action COVID-19

Wise Wisconsin, in partnership with Rogers in Health, created a series of toolkits related to “Compassion in Action.” The latest video is called “Stages of Fatigue.” [Check them out on its website.](#)