



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](#).**

- Status of WVLS Member Libraries

**2) Recommended Materials Quarantine Time**

Based on the feedback from other public library systems, the advice released from the State of Oregon (attached), and a recommendation from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, WVLS recommends **a minimum 48-hour quarantine of library items based on the date/time indicated on delivery bins and upon receipt in book drops.**

**Libraries may begin 48 hour quarantine on Monday, October 26.** Please continue to label the bins with the date and time they were last closed. Waltco will be quarantining items at its terminal for 24 hours.

If your library chooses to quarantine longer than 48 hours, or is interested in adding an additional delivery day to your weekly schedule (similar to pre-COVID days), please contact [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org).

The [WVLS Delivery Guidelines](#) have been updated to reflect this change. Note: *In the event a bin is received in weather conditions with rain or snow, libraries are encouraged to wipe down the outside of bins upon delivery to prevent damage to materials inside.*

Please continue to do what you feel is best for your library, staff and community. WVLS is available if you have any questions or concerns.

**3) WISL Virtual Gathering Today**

Are you beginning to think about what Christmas @ Curbside might look like at your library? Join WISL (Wisconsin Small Libraries) this Thursday at 2 p.m. to discuss innovative ways to make this holiday season memorable for all the right reasons! [Please register here](#) and we'll let you in

on all the cool ideas. We will also be talking about fun ways to interact with your small library peeps during WLA's one day Forward Together Conference on November 11th.

### **3) Next Staying Together Discussion**

The next Staying Together discussion will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 1 p.m. The topic is to be determined. Please send any topic ideas to Jamie at [jmatcak@wvls.org](mailto:jmatcak@wvls.org).

### **4) Upcoming Webinars**

- **Improvise into the Unknown: Techniques for Adapting to Uncertain Times with More Ease & Joy;** Friday, Oct. 23, 12- 2 p.m. Two-Hour Remote Interactive Presentation with Pam Victor, President, Happier Valley Comedy Improvisers are trained to eat the unknown for breakfast. As a professional improviser, Pam Victor's job is to jump into the unknown and instantly create content out of thin air with her colleagues. And now, Pam shares easy-to-learn techniques to support you in improvising opportunities with more positivity and ease in this unexpected new reality. [Register here.](#)
- **The Accidental Facilities Manager;** Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.  
Now more than ever, the care and feeding of library buildings, from historic to new, demands greater attention. With occupant health and safety in mind, common issues, such as cleaning, plumbing, or HVAC systems, take on new urgency. Many library directors and staff become facilities managers by default, with no formal training. This webinar offers a primer on building systems and issues, along with tools for preventive maintenance, energy assessments, optimizing ventilation and filtration, and more. Presenters share what they learned the hard way, in large and small libraries, so that you can be more prepared and self-assured. [Register here.](#)

### **5) Staff at Overwhelmed Wisconsin Hospital Urge People to Take Coronavirus Seriously (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)**

Melissa Resch has helped coronavirus patients FaceTime their family members to say goodbye, then sat with them as they died. David Eggman has listened to COVID-19 patients say their last words, including "that they didn't realize it was as bad as it was." And Mallory Giese has had to disinfect the rooms of those patients after their deaths.

They all work at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, one of the many health care facilities in Wisconsin that have been overwhelmed by the state's coronavirus surge. [Read more.](#)