



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 (**note that some libraries have temporarily closed or are going back to curbside service only**)

2) Next Staying Together Discussion

The next Staying Together discussion will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at 1 p.m. The topic is to be determined. Please send any topic ideas to Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

3) Latest Coronavirus Wisconsin News

- Gov. Tony Evers to extend state COVID-19 emergency declaration and mask mandate through January. [Read more from the Wisconsin State Journal](#).
- Gov. Tony Evers released a multi-faceted proposal to tackle the surging pandemic Tuesday as Wisconsin announced a daily record 92 deaths from the coronavirus and health officials cautioned that even when a vaccine becomes available it will be months before most people receive it. [Read more from the AP](#).

4) Fill Up Your Fuel Tank With Compassion Resilience (webinar)

1 - 2 p.m.; Tuesday, December 8

Feeling stressed, fatigued, or burned out? Do you want to start the new year with more resilience? This webinar is for you! Working for the public requires empathy and a desire to serve, and the past year has everyone running low. A focus on *compassion resilience* can guide you and your staff back to the core set of values and the drive for a sense of purpose that drew them to work in libraries in the first place.

Using the [Compassion Resilience Toolkit](#) will help you to manage expectations, set professional and personal boundaries, build effective collegial relationships, and practice real-time and ongoing self-care. This webinar will provide an overview of the toolkit and direct application of 3-5 techniques. The webinar will be recorded and is brought to you by the Department of Public Instruction using LSTA funding from IMLS. [Click here to register](#).

5) Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training

Small teams from Wisconsin public libraries and systems are invited to apply for the Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training. Facilitator training prepares you to bring the [Compassion Resilience Toolkit](#) resources to your colleagues. Small teams ideally include one leader and 1-3 people who will facilitate with staff. Your team will learn how to implement the toolkit in ways that match the realities of your library's current organizational commitments and goals. The staff at Appleton Public Library started using the toolkit in 2019. Assistant Director Tasha Saecker reports, "The toolkit will change how you approach public library service by giving you a common language to better care for yourself, your coworkers, and your community." This training is conducted by Rogers InHealth and brought to you by the Department of Public Instruction using LSTA funding from IMLS.

Wednesday, January 20 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, January 21 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, February 8 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, February 10 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

All four sessions are required and will not be recorded

To learn more, view the [Fill Up Your Fuel Tank With Compassion Resilience](#) overview webinar. The Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training is free, and space is limited. Teams must apply by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 4pm to be considered. [Click here to apply](#)--ONE APPLICATION FORM PER TEAM. Applicants will be notified in early January 2021.