



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) Get Ready for 2021 (blog post)**

If there was ever a time when your library would need to survey your community and cardholders, it's now. This year has been wildly difficult for libraries and their communities. And the pandemic will be a factor in the lives of our cardholders into 2021.

To prepare our services, collection, and programs, we need to know exactly who is using the library and how they are using it. We must also anticipate our community needs going into the next year. A customer feedback survey is the best way to gather this data. Here's how to put one together. [Read more.](#)

**3) Recommended Materials Quarantine Time (repeat)**

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.

#### **4) 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).

#### **5) Upcoming Webinar**

- 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.](#)