

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 providing only curbside service)

# 2) Next 'Staying Together' Discussion

The next Staying Together discussion will be held on Tuesday, December 15, at 1 p.m. The topic is advocacy and marketing. The following will be discussed:

- In what ways are you sharing your library story differently due to the pandemic?
- Who are you sharing your library's message with?
- What are ways that WVLS could assist?

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: <a href="https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731">https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731</a>

# 3) Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits Deployed

As COVID-19 continues to affect workers across the state, public libraries remain a source of support for unemployed patrons. A new extension of Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance program is now in effect. Unemployment Insurance (UI) deployed the Extended Benefits (EB) program on December 2, 2020.

Unemployed individuals who exhaust their regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) may be eligible for an additional 13 weeks of benefits. Read more.

#### 4) Facebook Makes Effort to Remove Vaccine Misinformation

With COVID-19 vaccines now being shipped, Facebook has announced that it will step up its

efforts to eliminate vaccine misinformation, which has the potential to undermine public health efforts. Read more.

# **5) Fill Up Your Fuel Tank With Compassion Resilience Webinar Recording** If you missed this webinar on Tuesday, you can <u>view the recording</u>. Jump to 1:33 for the introduction.

# 6) Can a Patron Who Gets Sick Sue the Library? ('Letters of the Law' Blog Column)

I've heard in the news about liability waivers; can they apply in a library setting? Could a patron who gets sick sue the library? Read more (scroll down)