



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 (please send updates to help@librarianswin.org)

2) Final COVID-19 Update

For now, today's WVLS COVID-19 Update will be the final. Any library updates related to COVID-19 will now be in Monday Mentions. The [WVLS COVID-19 webpage](#) will continue to be updated, as needed. "Staying Together" Discussions will also continue into 2021.

Past issues of the COVID-19 Updates are archived on the COVID-19 webpage. (Remember when they were being sent out every day?)

Contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org if you have any questions.

3) Next 'Staying Together' Discussion

The next Staying Together discussion will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 1 p.m. The topic is advocacy and marketing.

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>

4) Addressing Inquiries About Vaccines (from Shannon Schultz)

As we read the headlines, we are all keenly aware of the multitude of questions and concerns our community members will have as the COVID situation evolves. In anticipation of such questions, a discussion took place on the listserv of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies

(COSLA), regarding the challenges and obligations public libraries face in addressing misinformation around vaccinations.

We thank Deborah Clark of the Maine State Library for putting together this sampling of resources, which may help you and your staff to provide information to your community:

- [Harvard Health Letter](#)- General consumer article on vaccine mis- and disinformation
- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology \(APIC\)](#)- Understanding herd immunity and the COVID vaccine
- [WHO- myths and misconceptions](#) about vaccines
- [National Library Medicine's Medlineplus](#) continues to update consumer-level info on COVID vaccines as it becomes available. (NOTE: Medlineplus also has articles and tutorials on evaluating health information found on the internet.)
- Soon [CDC will post a Vaccine Information Statement \(VIS\)](#) about the COVID vaccine here
- [Need to train your library users](#) how to spot fake news? Here is a good guide.

She added that, as a former medical and consumer health librarian, she would always caution patrons that the library provides general information for educational purposes and that everyone's individual situation is different, so they should consult a healthcare provider for specific medical concerns. She would then attach a brief disclaimer statement to the books and articles she provided to them.

5) How Would Beloved Children's Characters Survive the Pandemic? (ALSC Blog)

Allow me some brevity to the seriousness of the current climate. If you can step out of the moment for some light-hearted fun, join me in guessing how beloved children's picture book characters would be surviving the pandemic and 2020. [Read more.](#)