



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)
- Staying Together Discussion Recording and Chat

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.

3) The Mask Ask - Strategies for Cooperation (blog post)

The fall 2020 issue of the Wisconsin Library Association Newsletter had a practical article to help us successfully navigate asking patrons to follow library policy and wear masks. Author Michelle Dennis is from the Hedberg Public Library in Janesville. You can reach out to her with questions or if you need help training staff on security. [Read more.](#)

4) The Coronavirus Is Airborne Indoors. Why Are We Still Scrubbing Surfaces? (NY Times)

Scientists who initially warned about contaminated surfaces now say that the virus spreads primarily through inhaled droplets, and that there is little to no evidence that deep cleaning mitigates the threat indoors. [Read more.](#)

5) 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](#).

6) Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training

WVLS is seeking 1-2 people to be part of the Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training. Facilitator training prepares you to bring the Compassion Resilience Toolkit resources to your colleagues. The team will learn how to implement the toolkit in ways that match the realities of your library's current organizational commitments and goals.

[Read more](#) about the required training dates. If you are interested in being part of the WVLS team, led by Jamie Matczak, contact her (jmatczak@wvls.org) no later than Monday, Dec. 7.