



1) WVLS Loves Its Libraries

February 2021, National Library Lovers' Month, is the perfect opportunity for community members to share their love for libraries. In a year of unprecedented challenges, we have seen member libraries implement innovative learning and service opportunities for users through technology access, educational programs online and in their community, and through safe access to library resources via curbside pickup and grab bags.

[Please enjoy the WVLS February Newsletter](#), as it highlights a few of the ways that WVLS staff serve and are grateful for our member libraries.

2) WVLS/IFLS Makerspace Collection Available for libraries

The WVLS/IFLS Makerspace Collection is available for circulation to libraries to support programs, storytimes, and other efforts where equipment is needed. Courier delays for these items will likely occur as will we be following the same quarantining schedule as other items. Please be aware of potential delays in delivery and consider this when making your bookings.

For more information about the collection and guidance for how to sign up and book, please follow this link: <https://wvls.org/equipment-for-booking/>.

3) Upcoming WVLS Online Trainings

- **Create Lists and Rapid Update;** 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 4
 - This session will cover Create Lists query basics and Rapid Update Basics, with a focus on identifying your library's juvenile patron records with birth dates over 18 years ago, and updating the patron type field.
 - [Join on your computer](#) or by phone: +1 (312) 757-3121 Access Code: 969-066-485
- **Overlaying Bibliographic Records;** 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10
 - This training will cover how to use Z39.50 to search for, locate, and overlay an appropriate and more complete bibliographic record on an existing bibliographic record. Please complete [this webform](#) to register.

4) This Week's Webinars

- [Graphic Novel Showcase: Titles for Young Readers This Spring](#), 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16
- [Rural and Small Library Social Work](#), 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17

- [More on HR Issues in the Time of COVID-19](#) - 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 18
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Policies: What to Consider?](#) - 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 18
- [Communication During a Crisis](#) - 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb 19

5) Marketing Project Seeking Photos

There is a statewide marketing project seeking photos on teens/adults using the library for job search assistance. If you have any of these photos that you are willing to share in a campaign, please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org.

6) WPLC and Overdrive

- Due to a cooperative purchase by a few WI systems and libraries, **magazines have been added to Wisconsin's Digital Library** for the whole state to enjoy. The collection includes over 3,000 titles. All are simultaneous use and can be accessible via the website, the Libby and OverDrive apps. The collection can be searched or browsed by clicking on the Collections tab at the top of [Wisconsin's Digital Library](#).
- There are now **magazines on Libby**. Here's a [marketing toolkit from Overdrive](#).

7) REALM Project Test 7 and 8 Results Available

The REALM project has published the results of Tests 7 and 8 of Battelle's laboratory testing for infectious COVID-19 virus on materials commonly found in libraries, archives and museums. These tests compare the effect of colder and warmer temperatures on the attenuation rate of the virus on materials previously tested at ambient room temperatures.

[View the Test 7 and 8 results](#). Learn more about the tests and [read the press release](#).

8) ALA Accepting Second Round of Grants for Small Libraries

ALA is again accepting applications for **Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries**, a grant initiative that will distribute nearly \$2 million to libraries.

Participating libraries will receive training in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to 21st-century librarianship. Library workers will complete a free ALA e-course on basic facilitation skills; host at least one conversation with community members on a chosen topic; and receive \$3,000 to support community engagement efforts. Grant funds may cover a range of expenses, including staff time and collections and technology purchases.

Up to 450 grants will be awarded in Round 2 of ALA's community engagement funding initiative. [Library workers may apply online for grant funding by March 4](#).

9) Marketing Updates

- In this episode, Angela explains how you can use bookmarks to engage with readers. [Watch the video](#).

- Last week's IFLS Weekly Digest mentioned Nappy, a site that offers beautiful [stock photos of Black and Brown people](#), for free.
- Quick Tip: Social media platforms love gifs and videos. Work them in periodically with still images.

10) WAPL Conference Accepting Program Proposals (repeat)

With a theme of LIBRARY STRONG, the goal of this year's four day conference, from May 4-7, is that attendees will leave feeling emboldened, connected, and strengthened in their library work. The conference committee is looking for library leaders who have strengths in areas of mental health, technology, inclusivity, leadership, fundraising, outreach, Beanstack, serving seniors, community collaborations, reader's advisory, virtual programming, and more. Please use the [Session Proposal Form](#) to submit your proposal. The submission deadline is Friday, February 26 at 11:59 p.m. Acceptance or rejection notifications will take place no later than Friday, March 12, 2021. Please contact Angie Bodzislaw at spoonerlibrarydirector@gmail.com with questions.