



1) Waltco Removing Quarantine

Based on the recommendation in the [Wisconsin Public Libraries Reopening Guide](#), Waltco will not be quarantining materials for WVLS libraries effective today. Bins will continue to be labeled with the time and date they were closed. [See the latest WVLS Courier guideline](#).

2) MARC Alert Training Postponed

The MARC Alert Training announced at the V-cat Council meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. The Z39.50 Training scheduled for April 28 will be rescheduled. Please watch for meeting links and updates.

3) Emergency Broadband Benefit Coming Soon

In late April, a new federal program called Emergency Broadband Benefit, or EBB, will go into effect. The program will provide a \$50/month discount for internet access (\$75/month on Tribal Land) for low-income households. Libraries can play an important role in promoting the program and even, if possible, helping patrons to register. [Read more and to download social media images](#).

4) WVLS Webinar This Week

The second webinar in the Spring Public Services Series is at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. **“Diversifying Your Collection as a Small Library”** will talk about collection development challenges, recommend helpful tools and resources to use, and suggest how even the smallest library can begin to maximize the diversity of content in its collection. [Register here](#).

The recording of last week’s webinar, “From Plexiglass to Physical Distancing: Library Spaces in 2021” [is now available](#).

5) Next Ryan Dowd Webinar: Reducing Police Calls

Police: How to Reduce Police Calls and Keep Everyone Safe in Your Organization
Thursday, May 6 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the topics covered:

- The two times you should call the police (and the two times you should never call the police)

- How to place a police call safely
- How to work with the police when there isn't a crisis so that everything goes smoother

Please contact Jamie at jmatczak@wvls.org for the pre-registration link. A recording (with closed captioning) will be available a few days after the live event.

6) This Week's Webinars

- [Building News Literacy for Teens and Tweens](#) - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21
- [Uplifting Native Voices](#): Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade discuss "We Are Water Protectors" - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr 21
- [Book Clubs for Neurodivergent Adults](#): Let's Get Together! - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr 21
- [Helping Stakeholders See the Story in Your Data](#) - 9 a.m. on Friday, Apr 23

7) Upcoming Grant Opportunity

NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions (TEAM II) is [forecasting the announcement](#) of a Funding Opportunity during April- June 2021. Eligible proposers include U.S. non-profit science museums, planetariums, youth-serving organizations, and libraries. Watch for more updates.

8) Reminders

- In response to Wisconsin's shift to the vaccination/late phase of the pandemic, the Division for Libraries and Technology (DLT), in collaboration with public library system directors, has added an **addendum to the [Wisconsin Public Libraries Reopening Guide](#)**. For ease of access, the Addendum can be found on the first five pages.
- The first WVLS recorded webinar of 2021 is now available, "**Top Tips for Online Presentations.**" Online meetings and presentations came to the forefront in 2020, and they likely aren't going away. But being a dynamic in-person presenter doesn't necessarily mean that enthusiasm will translate to the virtual environment. This presentation is worth 1 contact hour for public library certification in Category B. [Watch it here.](#)
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