



## 1) Emergency Broadband Updates

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households.

Here are some updates:

- On Monday, May 10, the FCC is expected to release the rules for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), providing funding for libraries to help patrons get connected at home. WVLS will receive a synopsis of the rules this week.
- Starting on Wednesday May 12, [eligible households](#) will be able to enroll in the EBB program to receive discounted broadband service -- \$50/month off, and \$75 off on tribal lands. Residents can determine eligibility and apply at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](#), or through an [approved provider](#).
- [EBB communication toolkit materials](#) are now available for download. The toolkit is a collection of social media, printables, and other content to assist libraries and school districts with raising program awareness in their communities.
- DPI will provide an [EBB registration webinar](#) at 1 p.m. on May 19, where they will share ideas on how libraries can promote the program and set up EBB registration events.
- The webinar, ["Collaborating with Partners for Broadband Expansion," is now posted](#). In it, innovators from around the state share examples of how they have leveraged resources within their community to collaboratively solve the broadband access problem.
- Anne created Canva images that libraries can use on social media and websites, with links to details on the FCC website on eligibility. Anne can also help libraries add these items to library websites.
  - [Facebook](#)
  - [Instagram](#)
  - [Website Blurb](#)

## 2) Z39.50 Cataloging Training Opportunity

Rachel will be leading a Z39.50 training on Friday, May 14 at 2pm. If you have already attended a MARC Alert training, you are welcome to attend. If you have not attended a MARC Alert training and would like to attend, please email Rachel at [rmetzler@wvls.org](mailto:rmetzler@wvls.org).

Join the meeting via computer:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/141174037>

You can also dial in using your phone+1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 141-174-037

### 3) WISCAT User Group Meeting

The second WISCAT User Group Meeting of the year is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.. The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only): +1 608-620-9781

Phone Conference ID: 750 154 026#

The agenda includes results from the recent training survey, DPI updates, and microfilm guidelines.

### 4) LAWDS Workshop Next Week

The second virtual LAWDS (Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills) workshop will take place from 10 -11:30 on Wednesday, May 19, with this service area focusing on the Taylor County service area. This workshop is worth 1.5 contact hours.

Library staff and workforce partners will gather virtually to learn about services and resources provided by job centers, workforce partners, and libraries. Attendees will get to know their counterparts, tour online resources, work through service scenarios, and brainstorm communication and collaboration strategies going forward.

[Register Here.](#)

### 5) This Week's Webinars

- [Introducing OUTDOOR SCHOOL from Macmillan Children's Publishing Group](#) - 1 p.m. Monday, May 10
- [Picture Books for Summer & Beyond](#) - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 11
- [Leadership during COVID-19: Pivoting from Reactive Survival to Proactive Planning for the Future](#) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11
- [Managing Difficult Conversations at Work](#) - 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 12
- [Provocative Passive Programming Ideas](#) - 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 12
- [Designing for the Future: The Post-Pandemic Library](#) - 9 a.m. Thursday, May 13

### 6) Rural Libraries Summit

The American Library Association's Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK) invites rural library workers to the inaugural Rural Libraries Summit, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 25-26.

During this two-day summit, library workers will have the opportunity to hear new innovative initiatives happening at libraries across the United States, share challenges and successes, and network with peers. All summit attendees are encouraged to join these conversations and share resources from their library and communities. Registration closes Friday, May 21. The summit is free to all attendees but will have a limited capacity, so please save your seat. [Read more.](#)

## **7) Ideas to Action Fund Applications Open**

WiLS Ideas to Action Fund provides grants so member organizations can bring their project ideas to life. Investment in the Ideas to Action Fund is determined annually by the WiLS Board. In 2021, the Board will award a maximum of \$40,000, up to \$5,000 per applicant. All WiLS general members are eligible to apply. Proposals for the 2021 Ideas to Action Fund can be submitted through June 28, 2021. Awards will be announced in September 2021 and funds will be distributed soon after. [Read more.](#)

## **8) Reminders**

- Because several public library systems have removed quarantine times of library materials received via courier, WVLS encourages its member libraries to decide locally how to proceed. Because libraries are using different recommendations, Waltco will continue to place a date and time on a bin when it's closed. If you have any questions, please contact [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org).