



1) Quarantining of Materials

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 still be encouraged to place a date and time on a bin when it's closed.

If you have any questions, please contact courier@wvls.org.

2) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Laurie Ollhoff of the T.B. Scott Free Library (Merrill) talks about inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility. This is the first byte as part of a series created by the WVLS-NWLS IDEA Team. [Watch it here.](#)

3) Data Summit for Librarians

Please join the Census Bureau's 2021 Data Summit for Librarians on Monday, May 3rd at 1 p.m.

Designed for the novice data user, the series will present a high-level overview of several data products and demonstrate how they can be used to assist libraries, schools and organizations identify data-driven solutions to challenges encountered. [Register Here.](#)

For more information about other upcoming Data Summit webinars (through August 2021) [click here.](#)

4) 2021 Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report Updates

The following is from Michael Dennison of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Division for Libraries and Technology.

I want to inform you of a series of updates that were approved for the 2021 Federal Public Libraries Survey which all Wisconsin public libraries participate in through your responses on the Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report. This [2021 Public Libraries Survey \(PLS\) New/Revised Data Elements](#) document provides a basic overview of updates to the Federal Public Libraries Survey that we aim to incorporate into the 2021 annual report if they are not already part of the Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report. We understand that the timing of the release of these data elements does not provide time to start collecting from the beginning of the year, but it does give you an opportunity to begin thinking about revising the ways you track some information now.

While these updates will be made available on the 2021 annual report to allow you to provide more detailed information about your library's services, we understand that many libraries do not track some of

these elements to this level of detail yet. We will provide as much guidance and as many tools and resources as we can to help you respond to the data elements in the annual report.

[Read more.](#)

5) Marketing Updates

- In this episode, Angela goes through the three big new stories on social media that impact your library work. This includes new Pew Research on social media use, YouTube's overview on how it recommends videos to viewers, and a new feature for Facebook posts. [Watch it now.](#)
- In her latest post, Angela discusses how your library can use big events to gather compelling content for promotions during the rest of the year. [Read more.](#)

6) Reminders

- **Next Ryan Dowd Webinar**

How to Reduce Police Calls and Keep Everyone Safe in Your Organization

Thursday, May 6 at 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

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.