

# Department of Libraries COVID-19 Response

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# COVID-19 Response

- Managing Information
- Meetups & County Meetings
- Continuing Education
- Purchases (IMLS CARES, IMLS ARPA)
- Grants

# Managing Information

- Consolidated Department communications
  - Daily resource updates, now twice-weekly
- Just-in-time resource pages on Department website
- Status survey

# Meetups & County Meetings

## Meetups (new)

- March 2020 – 2021 weekly, then bi-weekly
- Led by VTLIB staff or guest speakers from VDH, ACCD, UVM, UVM Extension

## County Meetings (existing)

- April 2020-December 2020 25 meetings at 5-12 participants each
- COVID-19 Topics

# Continuing Education-Staff

- VTLIB sponsored attendance at several national virtual conferences and trainings in 2020/2021
  - ALA, ARSL, Library Journal and School Library Journal, PCI webinars, and LibraryWorks
- Increased webinar offerings
  - Air quality and DIY ventilation systems, HR best practices, library administration, budgeting, grant writing, collection development added health/wellness topics
- Certificate of Public Librarianship
  - Online certificate awards

# Continuing Education-Trustees

- 5-day free, online conference for trustees and friends September 21-25, 2020
- 232 registrants
- Content included synchronous sessions on strategic planning, library polices, budget, board development, library marketing, and a town hall with the state librarian. Additional content included a pre-recorded keynote, facilitated listserv discussions, and trivia

# IMLS CARES Purchases

IMLS CARES funds received: \$56,384.00

- Round 1
  - 122 Plexiglass desktop shields in two sizes
  - 200 bottles of hand sanitizer
  - Distributed within 45 miles from each library
- Round 2
  - 110 cases of disinfectant, 47 boxes of wipers
  - Remaining shields
  - distribution via four statewide routes and delivery directly to libraries

# IMLS ARPA Purchases

IMLS ARPA funds received: \$2,135,819.00

- Purchases for COVID mitigation
  - Clear masks (school and public libraries)
  - 450 Air quality meters (school and public libraries)
  - Streaming movie licenses for all schools to support online teaching.



# IMLS ARPA Grants

- Two rounds of equipment and collection grants to public libraries \$1,227,451.29
  - COVID mitigation purchases included things like air filters, modular furniture, wipeable furniture, outside equipment for internet access etc.
- GMLC grant for Listen Up VT (LUV)\$200,000
  - to increase access to e/audio books

# Questions

Thank you

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