

PLAIN SPEAKING

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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Virtual Workshops...Who Knew?

Before the pandemic, I considered offering workshops at a distance. I looked into different ways of doing that, including a relatively unknown online program called Zoom. I didn't know if anyone would "attend" virtual workshops and I wasn't sure I wanted to attempt it.

Then the calendar turned over to March 2020 and the country was in turmoil. For a while, I suspended the System's workshops hoping it would be back to normal by summer. Finally, there was just nothing to do but try it. And guess what...there are distinct advantages to having virtual workshops. Of course, virtual workshops can't replace in-person programming, but they are a terrific supplement and offer a convenient option for solo librarians and those with slim travel budgets.

The System will continue to do the bulk of our workshops virtually through 2021. We have some great programs coming up. Check out the flyers in this newsletter for complete information and registration links. Here is a sneak peek at what is coming up:

April

- Book Repair on a Budget by Denise Harders (CPLS)
- WordPress 2021 by Amanda Sweet (NLC)

May

- Using YA Literature to Inspire Teen Girls' Interest in STEM by Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede (UNO)
- Teaching Technology in the Library by Amanda Sweet (NLC)
- Wild World of Copyright by Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede (UNO)

June

- Golden Sower Reading Day by Shawna Lindner (Kearney Public Library)

August

- Grant Writing by Tammi Thiem (TRLS)

September

- Best Practices in Workplace Communication by Erica Rose (UNO)

November

- Professional Behaviors & Habits by Erica Rose (UNO)

Some of these workshops have limits, so don't wait to register for those that catch your interest. Once we are through this year, I anticipate that we will be adding more face-to-face workshops. The challenge will be finding the right mix of in-person and virtual programming to serve the most System Member Librarians.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

WHO: Clark Charbonnet, Biblionix CEO; and your fellow librarians **IN PERSON**.

WHAT: Join us for a day of discussion and learning! This will be an open forum with an opportunity for libraries interested in the Biblionix Apollo ILS to learn more, as well as current users to ask questions, get feedback from your peers, learn how others utilize various features, and more.

WHERE: Seward Memorial Library, 233 S. 5th Street, Seward, NE 68434.

WHEN: Thursday, April 15, 2021.

9:00 a.m. Refreshments, introductions, open forum begins.

12:00 p.m. Break for lunch.

1:00 p.m. News from Clark, open forum continues.

3:00 p.m. Tentative wrap up.

COST: FREE to attend, although lunch is on your own.

OTHER NOTES:

5 CEU's for Nebraska Certification will be submitted to NLC on your behalf. · Bring a laptop and your EXTERNAL Apollo username/ password if possible. · Masks are strongly recommended and attendees will be social distancing. · While this date does conflict with the SELS's "Teaching Technology" workshop, SELS libraries are invited to attend the April 27 version of this workshop hosted by the Three Rivers Library System.

QUESTIONS should be directed to either of these two hosts:

Becky Baker at (402) 643-3318 or becky.baker@sewardlibrary.org

Sarah Johnson at (402) 759-3416 or sjohnson@cityofgeneva.org

REGISTRATION:

Complete the online registration form at <https://forms.gle/CuFKtbaioPBSyQoP6>
for each person attending from your library.

Registration deadline is April 14, 2021.



NIXON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded, conscientious dedication to building library service in this state.

When Nixon reflected on her life for the Lincoln Journal, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."

PURPOSE

The Louise A. Nixon Scholarship Fund was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision. This scholarship supports students who pursue full- or part-time graduate-level library education. Applicants must meet the Nebraska Library Association eligibility criteria below and submit complete applications on or before the deadline.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

One award per person is given. Scholarship applicants must deserve the award. Scholarships will not be awarded automatically if only one person applies. Scholarships will be paid by the Lincoln Community Foundation directly to the educational institution.

TIMELINE

Applications open: February 15

Applications deadline: April 15 - The application submission timeframe has closed.

Recipients notified: by June 1

Recipients announced: by July 1

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Accepted to either (a) an ALA-accredited graduate school of library/information science, or (b) a school library/library media graduate program/endorsement accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) that also meets ALA/AASL curriculum guidelines.
2. Must be (a) a resident of Nebraska or an employee of a Nebraska library for at least one year, AND (b) a member of NLA or NSLA at the time of application (NSLA student membership is \$15/year, join now: NSLA. NLA student membership is \$20/year; join now: NLA.)
3. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate the best potential for employment in Nebraska libraries after graduation.
4. Previous recipients of the Louise A. Nixon Scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Proof of acceptance or enrollment in an ALA/AASL accredited graduate program (as described in the first criteria) for the period of the award.
2. Current résumé or vitae.
3. One letter of recommendation, less than a year old.
4. Personal statement explaining (a) why are you the best candidate to receive the scholarship, and (b) your professional goals, both after graduation and long-term.

Please [click here](#) to apply.



Sesame Street in Communities Virtual Family Celebration

FAMILIES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES, AND EACH ONE IS UNIQUE IN ITS OWN WAY!

Get your family together and join us for a virtual evening of **fun** to learn about **activities** that encourage reading, writing and resilience. Experts will also discuss how **reading** can help teach kids resilience skills, and a **furry friend** may make a visit, too!



Friday, April 16

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CT

Visit netNebraska.org/SSIC to participate

No registration required



Are you looking for new strategies to deal with the rapid pace of change in the library field? Want to stay up-to-date on what matters most to your day-to-day work and library needs? Would you like to discover new books from celebrities and bestselling authors?

**If so, join us at the
2021 Annual Conference & Exhibition (Virtual),
June 23-29, 2021.**

**Advance registration rates are available
through April 16!**



BOOK REPAIR ON A BUDGET

IN THIS WORKSHOP, DENISE HARDERS FROM THE CPLS OFFICE WILL SHOW YOU THE INS AND OUTS OF BOOK REPAIR WITHOUT BLOWING THE BUDGET. IN THIS WORKSHOP, SHE WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO MASTER BROKEN HINGES, WORN SPINES AND TORN PAGES LIKE A PRO USING KAPCO BOOK REPAIR PRODUCTS.

MONDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2021

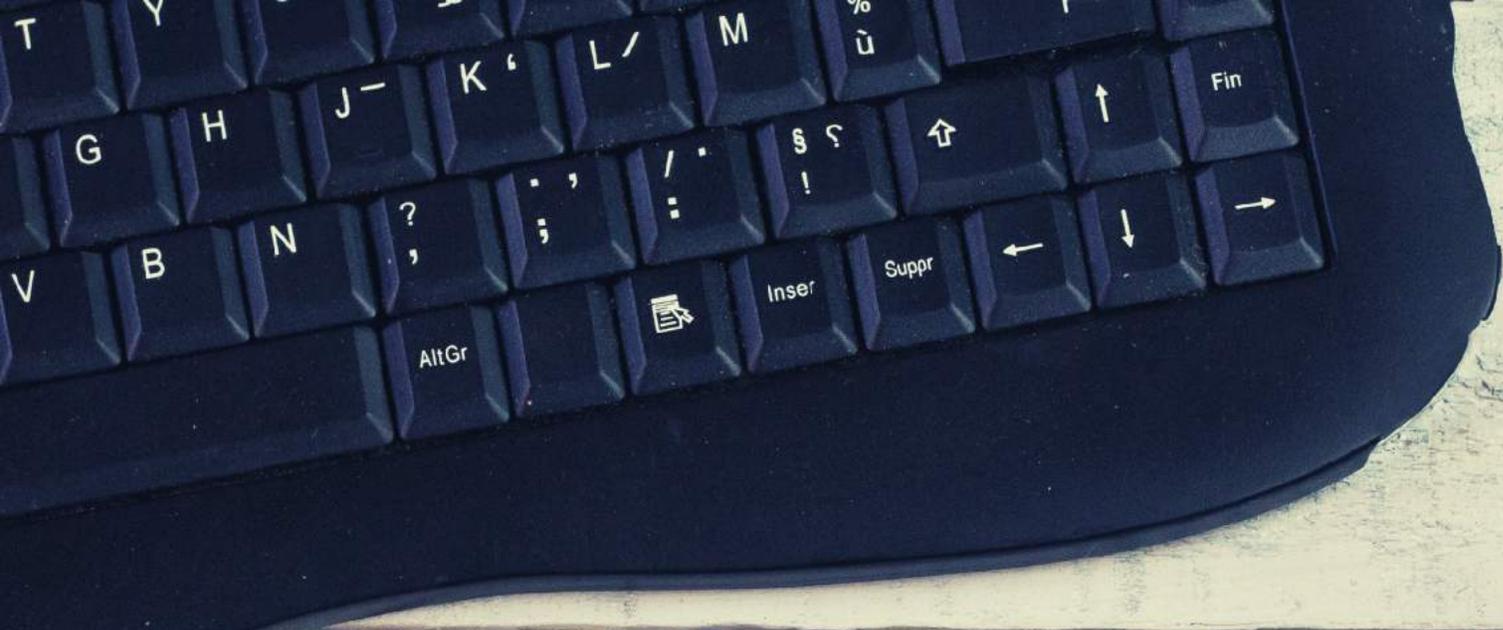
1PM

1 CE CREDIT FOR PARTICIPANTS

THE SYSTEM WILL BE HOSTING A GROUP PURCHASE OF KAPCO PRODUCTS THAT YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT DURING THE WORKSHOP. THIS WILL ENABLE LIBRARIES WHO NEED TO STOCK UP ON BOOK REPAIR ITEMS TO DO SO AT A DISCOUNT.

REGISTER NOW

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



Join Amanda Sweet for a tutorial that will show you the basics for updating and maintaining your WordPress website from the Nebraska Library Commission. There are only 10 spots available, so be sure to register today!

April 28th 1pm - 5pm

4 CE Credits

Limit of 10 Participants



WORDPRESS

2021

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Using YA Literature to Inspire Teen Girls Interest in STEM

Do you find it difficult to include teens in your STEM or STEAM programs? Is it especially hard to find things that interest teenage girls? Join Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede as she shows you how to use YA Literature to inspire interest for all things STEM related in teens using literature!



May 6, 2021
11am
1 CE Credit



Register
Here

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What the tech do people need to know?
How can the library help?

May 12th
4 CE Credits

1pm - 5pm
Limit of 20 participants

Here's what we will cover in this workshop:

- **Identify the tech skills adults really need**
- **Learn how to teach tech using tried and true methods of library programming & outreach**
- **Explore new ways to market necessary services**
- **Brainstorm & share ideas**

Instructor: Amanda Sweet

HOSTED BY CPLS



[Register Here](#)



**Nebraska
Library
Commission**

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



Wild World of Copyright?

Copyright can seem intimidating but understanding the basics of Fair Use can help you navigate the ins and outs of using copyrighted materials. This interactive presentation will go over what questions to ask when using the four fair use factors to evaluate use of materials. We will then practice with library scenarios and a few taken from news headlines.

MAY 25, 2021

10am

1 CE Credit will be given

Presented by: Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede, UNO



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GOLDEN SOWER READING DAY



In-Person - Socially Distanced

The Golden Sower Award Nominee list is developed by readers like you! Selection committees are made up of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. Each list is created from nominated lists sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state. Now is your chance to shape the books selected as Nominees that will be read by young minds in the coming years! This is your opportunity to shape the minds and lives of future generations!

The Golden Sower Award's sponsors, the Nebraska Library Association, hope the program will sow seeds which:

- stimulate children's thinking
- introduce different types of literature
- encourage independent reading
- increase library skills
- foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating.

Join CPLS on June 4th and vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees. This is the perfect time for public and school librarians to see the enormous amount of titles on the Golden Sower Big List for Kindergarten through 2nd grades. Vote for your favorite top-ten books, and consider purchasing these titles for your collection.

DATE: Friday, JUNE 4th, 2021
TIME: 10am—3pm
READ-A-THON LOCATION: Kearney Public Library & Information Center
2020 First Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847



4 CE Credits will be given
Box Lunch will be provided by CPLS

Any person wishing to not attend in person may make arrangements to view the books on June 5th or 6th. Please let us know if you choose this option.

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TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE



Looking for an easy program to share with your teens that they can do at home, at your library, or outside this summer? The CSLP Teen Video Challenge is back for 2021! A summary is below; go to <https://www.csllpreads.org/programs/teen-program/2021-teen-video-challenge/> for all the details, including the submission form and contest rules. Please share on your social media (using #TailsandTales), your website, and with teens in your community!

The Teen Video Challenge, sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), is an annual national video contest open to all teens (librarian and teacher support is encouraged). The challenge is for teens to create a public service announcement-type video that shows their unique interpretation of the 2021 CSLP slogan "Tails and Tales." Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds and should promote libraries and reading.

Videos will be accepted **June 1 through August 6, 2021.**

- The contest is open to teens 13-18 (though it's fine for people older or younger to appear in the videos).
- The process is simple; teens just need to upload their video to the social media outlet of their choice, submit a link to their video, and complete a simple online form.
- Videos will be limited to 60 seconds, making this a doable project for individuals or small teams.
- Teens/teen teams may submit more than one video.
- The program will accept submissions June 1-Aug 6, 2021, so that it can be incorporated into your summer program (it's still a great opportunity to partner with schools with video production classes or clubs; students can produce the videos as a class project and submit them in June!)
- Permission and model release forms will only be required from the winning entries (completing the forms is a requirement to receive prizes and acknowledgement).
- There will be 5 national winners, who will each receive a cash prize of \$200. The TVC Ad-Hoc Committee will convene a judging panel from CSLP partners and members in August.

Resources:

[Official TVC Submission Form](#)
[2021 TVC Contest Rules](#)

- Logo files to help promote the contest:
[Teen Video Challenge Logo COLOR \[.png\]](#)
[Teen Video Challenge Logo B&W \[.png\]](#)
- 2020's 5 winning videos: <https://www.csllpreads.org/2020-teen-video-challenge-winners-and-honorable-mentions/>

CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

APRIL 2021

In just a couple of years, Global Citizen Science Month (April) has grown from a single day of events, to a coordinated effort supported by SciStarter, the National Library of Medicine, Arizona State University, the Citizen Science Association, Science Friday, National Geographic, and many other collaborators from around the world. Global Citizen Science Month encompasses online events and opportunities to contribute to projects from home.

To get started, go to CitizenScienceMonth.org where you can:

- Add or find an online event
- Download free resources for online events, including social media titles promoting participating from home
- Find projects you can do online and from home



Puppet Orders Due

As announced at our Summer Reading workshop, we will be doing a group purchase on Folkmanis puppets. If you are interested in ordering any of the amazing puppets to include in your storytime or virtual programming, now is the time to get them ordered so you get the best discount. Orders are due **APRIL 30th**. Please email your orders to: cplsasst@gmail.com



SUMMER READING SUPPLIES

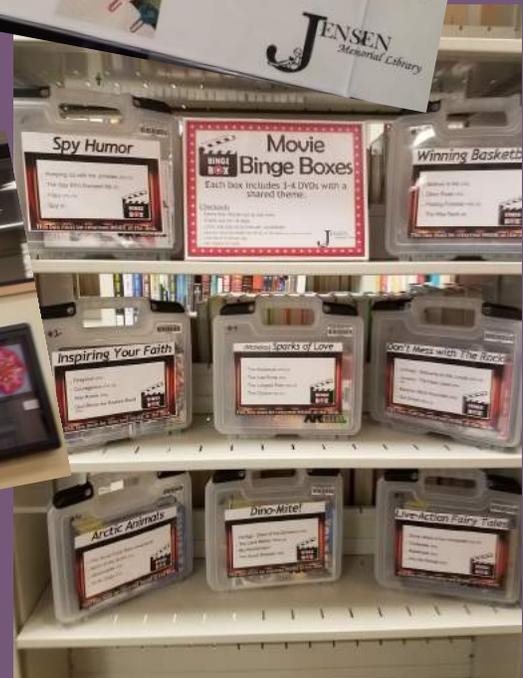
If you loved all the dies we featured during our Summer Reading workshop and want to incorporate them in your programs, be sure to get your order in **by MAY 15th**. Remember, CPLS will supply the die cuts for you in either colored paper, card stock, or craft foam. One of the projects featured was the Chameleon Clothespin. The System will send you all the necessary supplies to feature this at your SRP. Just let us know how many you want!



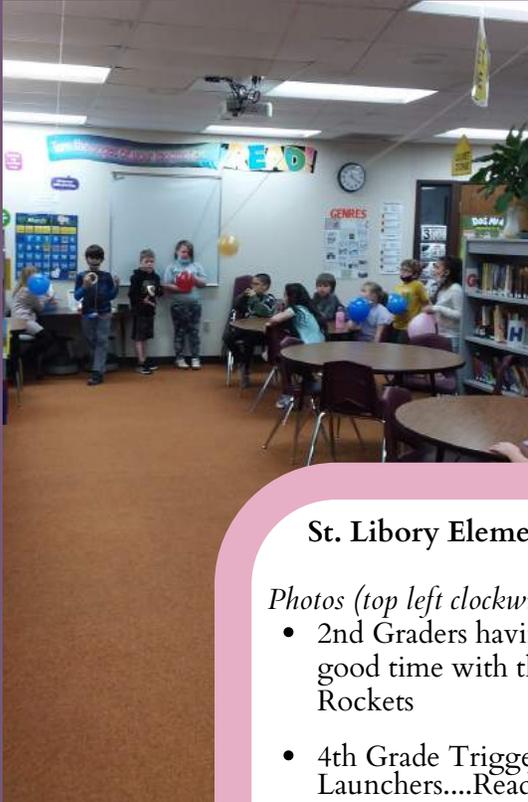
CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:



Jensen Memorial Library is getting crafty with their ideas! In order to clear out the storage closet to make room for new items, they opened up the supplies to their patrons to use. Kids and adults alike have enjoyed their Take & Make craft kits as well as the Needle Art kits they offered beside a nice display of craft books. They also started displaying art work from the schools to inspire creativity to visitors. Another great idea they have for those rainy days to come are "Movie Binge Boxes" where patrons can select a themed box that include 3-4 bingeworthy movies!



Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead February was such a huge success that we've decided to keep it going....we are going to STEAM our way through 2021! Here are just some of the projects that have been enjoyed so far. Be sure to watch for new released ideas on the 15th of every month as well as on Final Friday Fun (the last Friday of every month).



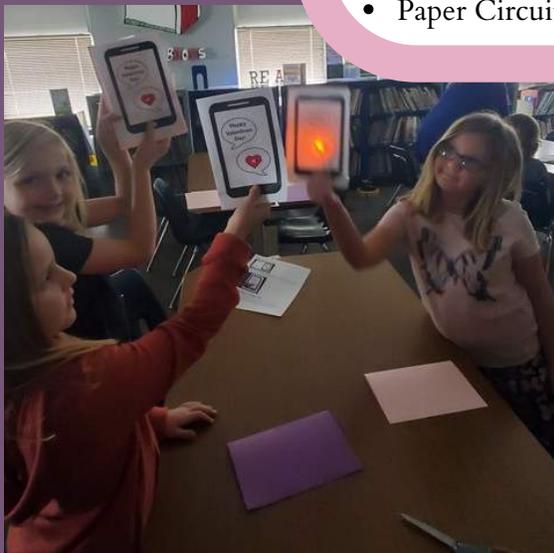
St. Libory Elementary School

Photos (top left clockwise):

- 2nd Graders having a popping good time with their Balloon Rockets
- 4th Grade Trigger Launchers....Ready, Aim, Fire
- Kindergartener enjoying the Calendar Challenge

Arnold Public Schools

- Paper Circuit Cards





Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System.

It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings available to them.

If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for .50 cents per disc plus return postage. If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is .50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

Cover One Book Repair Service

The System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size as well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.



Mail or bring your books to the System Office. We will repair them for \$1 per book plus return postage cost.

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

CPLS owns over 1,200 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days. Here are some new additions:

**ANXIOUS PEOPLE BY BACKMAN. FREDRIK
LONG RANGE BY BOX. C.J.
AFTER THE FUNERAL BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
AT BERTRAM'S HOTEL BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
THE BODY IN THE LIBRARY BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
ELEPHANTS CAN REMEMBER BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
THE MOVING FINGER BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
TAKEN AT THE FLOOD BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
THE MAN IN THE BROWN SUIT BY CHRISTIE. AGATHA
THE FOUR WINDS BY HANNAH. KRISTIN
THE SURVIVORS BY HARPER. JANE
THE WIFE UPSTAIRS BY HAWKINS. RACHEL
SQUEEZE ME BY HIAASEN. CARL
PIECE OF MY HEART BY CLARK. MARY HIGGINS
DO NO HARM BY McDONALD. CHRISTINA
THE AWAKENING BY ROBERTS. NORA
THE RETURN BY SPARKS. NICHOLS
THE COLD MILLIONS BY WALTER. JESS**





UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class: Introduction to Cataloging
(Organization of Materials).

Class Date: 4/1 - 4/30

Instructor: Self-paced

Registration: 2/22 - 3/19

Class: Library Finance

Class Date: 4/19 - 4/30

Instructor: Holli Duggan

Registration: 3/15 - 4/9

Class: Intellectual Freedom/Core Values

Class Date: 5/10 - 5/21

Instructor: Holli Duggan

Registration: 4/5 - 5/3

Class: Readers' Advisory

Class Date: 6/7 - 6/18

Instructor: Sharon Osenga

Registration: 5/3 - 6/1

Class: Reference

Class Date: 7/5 - 7/16

Instructor: Christa Porter

Registration: 5/31 - 6/25

Mark Your Calendars:

April 4-10 - Library Week

April 9 - CPLS Board Meeting

April 10-17 - Money Smart Week

April 15 - NLA's Third Thursday (11am)

April 19 - Book Repair on a Budget (1pm)

April 28 - WordPress 2021 (1-5pm)

May 1-7 - Choose Privacy Week

May 3-9 - Children's Book Week

May 6 - Using YA Literature to Inspire Teen Girls
Interest in STEM (11am)

May 12 - Teaching Technology in the Library (1-5pm)

May 20 - NLA's Third Thursday (11am)

May 25 - Wild World of Copyright (10am)

June 4 - Golden Sower Reading Day (10am - 3pm)

In-Person Event - Socially Distanced

June 17 - NLA's Third Thursday (11am)

June 23-29 - ALA Annual Conference (VIRTUAL)

FREE WORKSHOPS



Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information

Apr. 9, 2021 10am - 12pm (MT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/healthy-aging-your-library-connecting-older-adults-health-information/21737>

This "train the trainer" class is designed to help library staff assist their older adult patrons find health information. Discover techniques for helping older adults find health information on the Internet, learn what makes a website older adult-friendly; plan library programs on health topics; and explore some recommended health websites for older adults.

From Being to Doing: Anti-Racism as Action at Work

Apr. 13, 2021 2pm - 3pm (ET)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/being-doing-anti-racism-action-work/30151>

With recent events highlighting specific issues and challenges around racism in the U.S., libraries have started asking questions about how to transform themselves into anti-racist institutions. In this session, we will focus on anti-racism as action, rather than using the word anti-racist as an identity. Can changing how we define organizational culture in library workplaces be an example of anti-racist action? We will take a critical look at how certain hallmarks of white supremacist culture inform our notions of professionalism and workplace norms. These commonly accepted norms can actually contribute to low morale, the prevalence of microaggressions, retention issues, etc. This session will present specific actions to resist these norms, which libraries can then implement to create more equitable workplaces.

Tele-Health in Rural Public Libraries

Apr. 14, 2021 10am - 11am (CT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/telehealth-rural-public-libraries/31087>

In rural communities, libraries often have the fastest internet connection in town together with digital literacy to assist users. Rural Americans face health inequities that result in worse health care outcomes than their peers in more populated areas. The presentation will include a discussion of logistics, and the role of health and digital literacy in telehealth.

Launching and Leading the Library Reserve Corps: Developing an Agile Librarian Network in Response to COVID-19

Apr. 21, 2021 1pm - 2pm (PT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/pnr-rendezvous-launching-and-leading-librarian-reserve-corps-developing-agile-librarian>

This is a presentation on librarian visioning, leadership, management, and trial by fire. It provides a unique perspective on launching and leading an international network of librarian volunteers in a new role: emergency responders in the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will learn about

- the process of establishing an international network of volunteers from idea generation to implementation
- leadership successes
- "lessons" learned

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