



Certificate for Public Librarianship Updates

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The Certificate for Public Librarianship will have information posted on the Vermont Department of Libraries website, listservs, and newsletters discussing the coursework / workshops for current participants and those interested in registering for the certification in the coming weeks. The Vermont Department of Libraries Library Advancement division is updating materials to provide robust, relevant, and timely opportunities for learning.

- The Department of Libraries will be rolling out core coursework and several Information Technology courses, some will be web-based and can be taken anytime independently (*asynchronous*) and others will be online but scheduled with a set time for completion (*synchronous*). The 2018 -2019 years will also have in person workshops for the Certificate for Public Librarianship core courses.

Credit Requirements

To be certified, you must accumulate 150 hours of credits within five years. The credits needed to obtain certification are generally based on the number of hours spent in a course or workshop. If the course or workshop was not taught by the Vermont Department of Libraries credit must be requested from the Certification Board Chair. Continuing Education Units are not ordinarily given to participants who take the same workshop, even if taken several years apart.

Four basic course types are required as part of the certification program. These courses are taught by the Department on a rotating basis by location and year. They are:

- Cataloging and organization of library materials
- Reference
- Public library administration
- Collection development

Additionally, 10 credits need to be from courses in library information technology.

Credit for workshops will not be given simply for attendance. Each attendee must participate actively and complete all assignments to the instructor's satisfaction. If no credit is awarded, a letter to this effect will go to the participant with a copy to his or her Board of Trustees.



- There also will be continual promotion of free, low cost, and budget-friendly electives from a multitude of sources by the Department of Libraries that are electives for participants in the Certificate of Public Librarianship.
- An application process for new participants who are interested in starting the Certificate for Public Librarianship will be launched by March 2018.
- Within the coming weeks, a Continuing Education Overview webinar will be promoted that will discuss the Certificate for Public Librarianship Program.
- If you are attending a workshop/ webinar/ presentation, etc. but are not registered within the Certificate for Public Librarianship Program, you may proceed forward with obtaining continuing education credits. CEU's will be applied retroactively to those specific individuals once they are registered into the program.

We hope that you will agree that the educational listings and a few online web-based formats was worth the wait.

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