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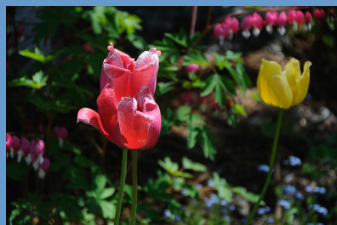
Employment at VTLIB



The Vermont Department of Libraries (VTLIB) is now accepting applications for the position of **Library Consultant for Continuing Education & Small Libraries**.

For more information about this position, including a complete job description, education and skill requirements, contact information, and application instructions, please see the [full job advertisement](#). The application deadline for this position is January 25, 2018.

Spring Youth Services Workshops



Interested in sharpening up your youth services

Greetings! My name is Joshua Muse, and I am starting as Library Consultant - Library Technology with VTLIB. For the last six years, I've been at the Burnham Memorial Library, in Colchester, Vermont. My focus has been on technology, the web, and communication, though I've also gotten the chance to run a regular kids' game night and a book club at a mead hall. Before that, I was with Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, and while I did not get to wear a powdered wig, I did work on a range of computer projects to better document and understand the past. In 2007, an interest in cultural institutions brought me to the Cooperstown Graduate Program (yes, the town with the Baseball Hall of Fame), where I received a Master's in Museum Studies. Before grad school, my background was in web production and computer support, though I also did two terms in AmeriCorps in the Southeastern United States. I received my bachelor's from

knowledge? Then attend one of VTLIB's four free workshops this spring! Topics include:

- Summer Reading
- Storytime
- After-School Programming
- Materials Review

For more information and to sign up, visit this page on our website:

http://libraries.vermont.gov/services/continuing_ed

Consulting for Directors & Trustees



Lara Keenan

Attention Library Directors and Trustees - Have you connected with Lara Keenan yet? Lara is the statewide VTLIB consultant for public library directors and trustees, and she is eager to talk to folks from all the 180+ public libraries in VT.

Helping you make your library as strong and sustainable as possible is her goal, and she offers resources and trainings on everything from strategic planning to Trustee roles to volunteer management.

If you have a question, or wonder how Lara might be able to help your library, please feel free to give her a call (802-828-2734) or send her an email (lara.keenan@vermont.gov).

2018 Teen Video Challenge



Know any creative VT teens aged 13-18?

Encourage them to participate in the 2018 VT Teen

Ithaca College, and grew up not far from the border in Hudson Falls, NY. I am very excited to be joining VTLIB, and am looking forward to the chance to work with the department and help support libraries and users throughout the state.

Certificate for Public Librarianship



The Certificate for Public Librarianship- one of the Vermont Department of Libraries' (VTLIB) most vital Continuing Education efforts- will be available once again!

Information about registering for certification, as well as coursework and workshops for current and future students will be posted on the VTLIB website and listservs in the coming weeks. The VTLIB Library Advancement division is updating materials to provide robust, relevant, and timely opportunities for learning. We hope that you will agree that the educational listings and web-based format that are provided were worth the wait!

The Certificate of Public Librarianship has been directed for the last 25 years by the VTLIB and the Certification Board. The program is designed to meet the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries which state that the library director, "possesses a library science degree, a Vermont certificate of library training, or has actively worked toward one of these in the past twelve months." This standard refers specifically to the head librarian of a library. To be certified, you must accumulate 150 hours of credits within five years. The credits needed to obtain certification are

Video Challenge!

For more information, visit our website:

<http://libraries.vermont.gov/2018tvc>

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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. 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:

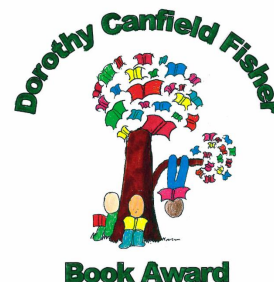
- * Cataloging and organization of library materials
- * Reference
- * Public library administration
- * Collection development

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.

Questions and comments about Continuing Education or the Certificate for Public Librarianship should be sent to the Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement, Jason Broughton (jason.broughton@vermont.gov; 802-828-2740.)

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award



An official decision about the renaming of

the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award
has not been made.

The State Librarian is weighing [the January 9 recommendation from the Board of Libraries](#) and the responses that he has received, while continuing to research the issue.

Feedback is welcomed and appreciated.
Please email lib.contact@vermont.gov with
your comments.

There is no timeline for a decision on the
award.

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Access to the Vermont Online Library, a collection of Gale databases that range from newspapers and videos to scholarly journals and eBooks, is available to you at any location in Vermont. You can access these databases by visiting www.vtonlinelib.org.

In addition to these databases, you have access to a trained research and reference librarian! Contact April Shaw at april.shaw@vermont.gov or (802) 828-2735 for any research assistance, or for help locating and accessing additional resources. If you need access to an article that is behind a paywall, or need a copy of a book or video, contact VTLIB. We are part of a robust Interlibrary Loan program that works with libraries across the country to get you free access to any resources for your information needs.

CLOVER Corner



The new (only six months old) CLOVER

system is still achieving new heights in Vermont. A fun number to remember from this system is that currently there are 119 resources listed in your searches. These 119 resources are not simply 119 catalogs.

Between supervisory unions, shared catalogs, and consortia, every time you search for a title in CLOVER you are searching 242 catalogs around the state. Included in these catalogs are academic, special, public, and school libraries. It has truly become a statewide interlibrary loan system and continues to grow by adding more catalogs each week. Take this moment to pat yourselves on the back, because you are all the ones who are making this system a success!

Bringing Resources to Light

Join us each month as we illuminate a fantastic resource from Vermont Online Library. This episode:

Kids InfoBits

(<http://vtonlinelib.org/eresources.php>).



We all wish that kids would use authoritative sources to do their research, but it can be a real struggle to get them to use hard-to-navigate, anything-but-user-friendly databases, especially with Google around.

Did you know that the Vermont Online Library offers databases for kids and teens - and that those databases (unlike many we can encounter) are actually user-friendly?

Kids InfoBits is an authoritative, easy-to-use online resource with age-appropriate, curriculum-related content. Using engaging graphics, the database's simple navigation makes it easy for users to explore content and gain comfort with database searching (a challenge for patrons of any age!). With a

few quick, intuitive clicks, our young patrons can find information on the northern lights, their favorite pro sports team, pioneers in technology, and more.

Articles are also available in audio form, for those students who learn better through listening than reading - and the audio can be either streamed or downloaded for later listening.

Libraries offer many resources to their patrons. Consider surprising your younger patrons by telling them about *Kids InfoBits* - available for free from your library through Vermont Online Library!