

January 3

[Best New Children's Books of 2017 \(Nebraska Library Commission\)](#)

Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission's Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Service, will give brief book talks on new titles that could be good additions to your library's collection. Titles for pre-school through elementary school will be included.

[Strengthening Inclusive Early Childhood Programs with Music Therapy Strategies: The Director's Role in Tuning up Music to Turn on Inclusion \(Early Childhood Investigations\)](#)

All children make music and music therapy practices can make early childhood classrooms inclusive. By using therapeutic techniques, educators can support children of all abilities and their families to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts. Focusing on developmental goals, intentional music interventions help children with disabilities become successful in inclusive early childhood programs. Join Dr. Petra Kern to learn how you can turn on the music and make your inclusive program sing!

January 4

[Online Tools that Help Nonprofits Learn, Listen & Engage \(Firespring\)](#)

Every day you learn about a new mobile app or piece of software that will “change your life.” There’s so much coming at you, it sometimes feels like you’re drinking through a firehose. In this session, we will help you make technology your friend. In his most revealing session, Jay takes you behind the curtain to show, in real-time, which tools he uses to manage his online presence and why.

[Your Government Career Resolutions \(GovLoop\)](#)

On January 1st, millions of people around the globe will pledge to change an aspect of their life. **Whether it’s eating more salads, going to the gym more often, or even investing in more quality time with family, New Year’s is the time to make big changes. Those changes are often centered around people’s careers too. But how do you actually implement your career resolutions? Join us as we talk to government experts about how employees can invest in professional development and make major strides forward in their career.**

January 9

[Let's Talk About Race in Storytimes \(Washington State Library\)](#)

Storytime is the perfect place to model an open and welcoming environment for your whole community. No one should feel left out or erased from a larger narrative by never being able to see their themselves or their race reflected in storytime. How can we as librarians practice talking about race and model inclusion for our community? How can we work in training our storytime colleagues to not be afraid of delving deeper in creating an affirming and inclusive storytime environment? How do you gain institutional support that social justice advocacy should be included in storytimes? At this webinar, we will have a conversation in hopes it will lead to practice in tangible ways to model storytime inclusion.

[Crowdfunding 101 \(Firespring\)](#)

Learn how your organization can use crowdfunding to raise the bar on your fundraising initiatives. **Dana Ostomel, Firespring's authority on crowdfunding, will walk you through the lifecycle of a**

campaign, from creation through appreciation, emphasizing how to engage new audiences. Come ready to ask about the campaigns you have in mind so we can answer all your questions.

[The New Volunteer Manager's Toolkit \(VolunteerMatch\)](#)

New to volunteer management? Looking for a refresher on the basics? This webinar will walk you through the three primary Rs - recruitment, retention and recognition. We'll discuss the most popular program components such as interviews, orientations, volunteer handbooks, and more. And, we'll talk about the importance of managing risk for your program and your organization. All attendees will also receive a sample packet with examples of program documents and program assessment checklists to help you evaluate your existing program.

[Morris Award Finalists, 2018 \(Booklist\)](#)

Join Booklist for this exciting Q&A with four of YALSA's 2018 Morris Award finalists: Nic Stone (Dear Martin), S. F. Henson (Devils Within), S. K. Ali (Saints and Misfits), and Akemi Dawn Bowman (Starfish). This is a free, hour-long webinar moderated by Books for Youth Editor, Dan Kraus. YALSA's Morris award honors a book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.

[Using the Standards to Further Your Instructional Leadership \(American Association of School Librarians\)](#)

Librarians are leaders. Join Jeanie Phillips and Ellen McNair, members of the AASL Standards **implementation task force, as they unpack critical aspects of instructional leadership. We'll talk about** aligning your superpowers as a librarian with the new standards and the needs of your school community. We will collaborate to discover opportunities, strategies, and leverage points, so you can flex your instructional muscles to impact your entire school community.

January 10

[Collaborative Summer Library Program 2018 | Early Literacy/School Age \(Indiana State Library\)](#)

Get started planning your 2018 Summer Library Program from the comfort of your library by **attending this Collaborative Summer Library Program 2018 "Libraries Rock!" themed webinar.** You will be introduced to the theme, the artwork, and the manual for children from birth through Grade 6 **based on the CSLP 2018 theme, "Libraries Rock!"**

[PubMed for Librarians - Introduction to PubMed \(National Network of Libraries of Medicine\)](#)

PubMed for Librarians: Introduction to PubMed® is a synchronous, online session that includes hands-on exercises. Attend this class to learn about the difference between PubMed and MEDLINE, how to run a basic PubMed search, assess your search results, analyze search details, customize PubMed with My NCBI, search for a known citation; plus, brief introductions to MeSH, automatic term mapping, search tags and subheadings.

[Introduction to Finding Grants \(GrantSpace\)](#)

Are you new to the field of grantseeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

[Collaborative Summer Library Program 2018 | Teen/Adult \(Indiana State Library\)](#)

Get started planning your 2018 Summer Library Program from the comfort of your library by

attending this Collaborative Summer Library Program 2018 “Libraries Rock!” themed webinar. You will be introduced to the theme, the artwork, and the manual for teens and adults based on the CSLP 2018 theme, “Libraries Rock!”

Citations Needed: Build Your [Wikipedia Skills While Building the World’s Encyclopedia](#) (WebJunction)

Librarians have the power to make Wikipedia better and more reliable. Once you understand how this collaborative, community-driven encyclopedia works, you’ll see the value of contributing your expertise and knowledge. Wikipedia Library’s annual #1lib1ref (“One Librarian, One Reference”) campaign provides a simple and fun way to get started. This global initiative invites all library staff to improve the verifiability of information on Wikipedia by adding at least one reference during the campaign, which runs from January 15 through February 3, 2018.

January 11

[Tips & Tactics for Time Management & Organizational Skills](#) (Utah State Library)

Feeling overwhelmed by deadlines as well as pressure from the many different demands on your time? Librarians and library staff members frequently report that they feel stressed by the need to multi-task, to keep up-to-date, and to manage tight schedules. There never seems to be enough time to get everything done on time. How can you work more efficiently and effectively and feel in control of your time? Will you ever see the top of your desk again? This workshop will provide practical strategies for gaining control of your time and setting priorities.

[Engaging the Volunteer of the Future](#) (VolunteerMatch)

This webinar will start with a review of some of the things that we know about what volunteers are looking for in an opportunity. It will then help you use this information to start designing volunteer opportunities and determining who is the “right” volunteer for your program. You’ll also learn how “word of mouth” plays such a large role in attracting volunteers to your organization and how social media makes this even more important.

[Making the Grade: Debating School Performance Ratings](#) (Alliance for Excellent Education)

This webinar will present findings from Rating the Ratings, followed by a conversation on the merits and downfalls of summative ratings between ratings-proponent Michael Petrilli, president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and ratings-skeptic Phillip Lovell, vice president of policy development and government relations at the Alliance for Excellent Education.

[Presenting the 2018 Andrew Carnegie Shortlist: With Jennifer Egan, David Grann, and Nancy Miller](#) (Booklist)

Join Booklist editors and Carnegie Selection Committee members Donna Seaman and Annie Bostrom for this free, hour-long conversation about the six books shortlisted for the 2018 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. In addition to discussions of each book and appropriate read-alikes, the program will feature Jennifer Egan and Nancy Miller, editor of **Ellsberg’s The Domsday Machine**, in conversation with Donna Seaman and David Grann in conversation with Annie Bostrom.

[Creative Coding Rotation Stations for K-5 Classrooms](#) (edWeb)

Looking for some hands-on collaborative activities that meet computer science and digital fluency

learning outcomes? Want ways to appeal to various learning styles and skill levels? In this **edWebinar, you will learn about ways to create coding “rotation stations” in your K-5 classroom! From classroom environment to instructional design, you’ll hear about the ways to implement this flexible classroom practice, whether on a daily or weekly basis.**

January 12

[Community Engagement and Fundraising \(American Libraries Live\)](#)

Libraries serve their communities above all else, and it’s crucial that librarians work not only with people in the community but also with institutions and businesses. Please join us for a panel **discussion where we’ll bring in a variety of perspectives from communities of different types and different sizes and answer your questions about how you can form partnerships that help you achieve your goals.**

[Learn More: Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Great Stories Club \(Programming Librarian\)](#)

In this free, 60-minute webinar, staff from the ALA Public Programs Office and Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services will discuss the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Great Stories Club (TRHT GSC) pilot program and application process. Webinar topics will include: A review of the grant requirements and benefits; Instructions for the online application process; **Information about how this grant opportunity can connect with your library’s literacy, outreach, and equity, diversity and inclusion goals.**

January 16

[Advocacy, Ethics, and the Law for Librarians \(Washington State Library\)](#)

Presented by Rob Mead, State Law Librarian for Washington, this is an introduction to public advocacy and lobbying for librarians within the context of Washington law. As professionals, how can we make sure our voices are heard on issues of freedom, equity, truth, and justice? What is ethically required of us? Where are the legal (and political) danger zones?

[How Libraries Can Help Job-seekers with Linda Bruno, Part I \(Utah State Library\)](#)

In this first segment, we discuss resume assistance and in the second segment, we discuss helping with interviewing skills.

[American FactFinder: An Introduction \(U.S. Census\)](#)

Recommended for new users of American FactFinder (AFF) or occasional users who need a refresher, this introduction to AFF will teach you how to conduct basic searches using Community, Guided or Advanced Search capabilities. In Advanced Search, you will get an introduction to how to use Search Overlays, save, download and print your tables, and basic mapping usage.

[Blended Learning: What Works \(InSync Training\)](#)

If you are involved with blended learning design in any way – or want to be – you need tools, resources, and a blueprint to move forward. To ensure the success of modern blends, it is necessary to lay a strong foundation to manage the change from more traditional models. This session, a **preview to Jennifer Hofmann’s new publication, What Works in Talent Development: Blended Learning** (ATD, February 2018), will help you to set the stage for more effective programs.

January 17

[Bigger on the Inside: Programming for Small Spaces \(Programming Librarian\)](#)

Is your library's event space feeling a little cramped? Do you worry that your library doesn't have enough space to do the programs you want to do? Join us for this free one-hour webinar for ideas and inspiration for hosting exceptional programs at your library, even with the most limited space.

[Introduction to Proposal Writing \(GrantSpace\)](#)

Are you new to proposal writing or want a quick refresher? If so, you don't want to miss one of our most popular classes!

[Promoting Social and Emotional Learning in Preschool: Programs and Practices that Work \(Early Childhood Investigations\)](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of effective preschool social-emotional learning (SEL) programs and practices that have emerged in high-quality, rigorous research studies.

[USGS Library Materials for Earth's Age \(Federal Depository Library Program\)](#)

The USGS Library provides reference services and instructional sessions to library users on finding print, digital, and online library materials. This webinar will focus on how to find and use the USGS Library's materials related to geological time (rock age) and terrain (rock type), USGS field and laboratory methods for determining time and terrain, as well as education tools available from the USGS and other geoscience stakeholders.

January 18

[Database of the Month: Heart Mountain Internment Camp exhibit and WY Newspapers \(Wyoming State Library\)](#)

Join Thomas Ivie and Chris Van Burgh for a look at the Heart Mountain Internment Camp exhibit, part of Wyoming Newspapers. We will look at searching in Wyoming Newspapers, as well as a few other resources available in GoWYLD.net.

[How to Better Serve Your LEP Audience by Meeting the Federal Requirements \(DigitalGov\)](#)

In this online training, presenters from the Department of Justice (DOJ) will provide an overview of national origin discrimination and offer practical tips for overcoming language barriers and language access program planning. This session is designed to provide federal, state, and local government agencies with a primer on their legal obligations to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and, if applicable, Executive Order 13166. This training is geared towards federal, state, and local government official who interact or plan to interact with LEP individuals, and for recipients of federal funds, nonprofit organizations and other language access stakeholders.

[When a Patron Needs More Than a Book: Transformation has no due date \(Colorado State Library\)](#)

Join us as we explore services that make all the difference. Together we will share stories of extraordinary library moments and identify common ways library staff help people grow and learn in transformative ways. Walk away with an understanding of how libraries change lives and gain ideas for what you can do to provide more meaningful library services. Together we will discover how to shift libraries from places of transaction into spaces for interaction, and transformation.

[The New Adult in the Library: What They Want, and What Libraries Can Offer \(Texas State Library and Archives Commission\)](#)

What do new adults, or adults aged 18-29, want from libraries? What should libraries offer this age group? In this webinar, we will explore the characteristics of new adults and the services new adults would like to see in a public library. You will leave the webinar with the ability to appropriately offer programming for new adults, including financial literacy instruction, career services programs, and speed dating nights.

[The Opiate Crisis: What Libraries Can Do \(InfoPeople\)](#)

This webinar discusses the history and depth of the opiate problem in this country and how it has come to the attention of libraries and their staff. Dr. Steve Albrecht will focus on how library staff members at all levels can recognize the signs and symptoms of opiate users who are either under the influence or in withdrawal (which makes them act erratic, irrational, threatening, and even violent).

January 19

[The Conversation with Steve Bell: Academic Libraries and Higher Education Continues \(The TLT Group\)](#)

A conversation with Steve Bell about academic libraries and higher education.

January 22

[Making Readers: How the Maker Movement Can Impact Literacy \(Idaho Commission for Libraries\)](#)

We have all heard how making and makerspaces can encourage STEM learning. But what can they do for literacy? This webinar will address ways that literacy and making can go hand in hand to enhance your program offered at the library. By focusing on transliteracy skills and including maker activities with literacy activities, librarians can better influence the traditional literacy skills they have always targeted. Presenter: Megan Egbert, Meridian Library District

January 23

[5 Trends Shaping a New Reality for Nonprofits \(Firespring\)](#)

Advancing technology, social enterprise and shifting demographics are changing how nonprofits communicate, engage, operate and serve. While these shifts are creating unprecedented opportunities for nonprofits, they also present new challenges as we learn to navigate this new and ever-evolving landscape. Join Jay Wilkinson as he reviews five major trends that are shaping a new reality for nonprofits.

[Social Media and Volunteer Engagement \(VolunteerMatch\)](#)

This webinar will offer an introduction to including social media in your volunteer recruitment and retention plans. You'll see examples of Twitter, Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as blogs that other nonprofits have successfully used to draw attention to their organizations and volunteer opportunities.

[Mirror, Mirror, Who Do You See in Your Books? Reaching Diverse Readers \(Booklist\)](#)

Join AASL and Scholastic Books for this free, one-hour webinar where you'll hear about forthcoming

diverse titles. You'll also hear from authors Icy Smith, Ellen Oh, Irene Latham, and Carole Boston Weatherford about how they put themselves into their work to engage all readers. Go beyond Diversity 101 - learn how to take action and become a partner in the conversation about meeting the needs of all readers.

[Federal Government Databases and Websites: A Surprising Source of State and Local Data \(Federal Depository Library Program\)](#)

This webinar will present an exciting variety of state and local resources which can be found by searching Federal Government websites. Resources range from health and nutrition to science and education, as well as legislative and judicial information. Websites which can provide a surprising wealth of state and local resources include usa.gov, the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP), science.gov, ERIC, and PubMed. Participants will learn strategies for searching for state and local resources using Federal Government databases and websites.

January 24

[7 Steps for Getting Started in Major Gifts \(Nonprofit Hub\)](#)

There is huge potential for impact when you connect your organization to individuals with the capacity to make a significant gift. If you wish you could be raising big gifts for your organization but **you don't know where to start, then this webinar is for you!** In this webinar, **Kathie Kramer Ryan will outline 7 steps you can take to start (or improve!) a successful major gifts program.** You'll learn what 5 elements to have in place before starting a major gifts program, how to find major gift prospects to support your mission, the best ways to thank your donors so they keep on giving, and much more.

[30- Minute Tips and Timesavers \(Blackbaud\)](#)

Join our webinar series, 30-Minute Tips and Timesavers, with Chris Geady, Blackbaud solutions expert. **Each month he'll cover a different topic to help you use your software more effectively and reduce the time you're spending on outdated processes.** Each webinar in the series is 30 minutes or less and is free to join! **If you can't make it to one of the webinars, on-demand versions will be available for you to watch when it's most convenient for you.**

[FDLP LibGuides for Libraries \(Federal Depository Library Program\)](#)

This webinar will introduce users to the new FDLP LibGuides tool. Attendees will learn how to find and use GPO created guides, request topics for future LibGuides, and how to create and submit to the FDLP Community guides.

[Where Do I Go From Here? Engage Volunteers in New Ways \(VolunteerMatch\)](#)

This webinar will help you think about new strategies and help you evolve your program to include new roles and responsibilities for volunteers, pathways for more involvement and leadership positions in your program, how recognition plays a role in retention, and the importance of including continuing education and professional development to keep your volunteers engaged. Tools to help you evaluate your program implement new ideas will be provided.

[Google This! The Research Process Revisited \(edWeb\)](#)

Do students confuse a single Google search with research? How do students research? Is there a "right" way? **What are their research strengths? What are our instructional challenges? How can we**

best teach the inquiry process? Is there a “best” way? In this edWebinar, Michelle Luhtala and guest Tasha Bergergson-Michelson will answer these essential questions.

January 25

[Single Days of Service: Make 'em Work! \(VolunteerMatch\)](#)

More and more volunteers are looking to get involved and make a difference in a single day of service. The political and social climate is further emphasizing this trend. How do you create meaningful work that can be completed in a single day by a large group of diverse volunteers? This webinar will walk you through the first steps for incorporating single days of service into your program, and help you begin to think more creatively about volunteer engagement.

[In Depth with the New AASL Standards, Part I \(Wyoming State Library\)](#)

Join Jennisen Lucas, Wyoming School Librarian and AASL Affiliate as she takes us on an in depth tour of the new AASL standards. Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 3:30 pm. Come for the information, stay to ask questions!

January 26

[How Smart Women Pivot and Relaunch Their Careers \(American Management Association\)](#)

Who wouldn't want to be bold and badass and fearless in their career – in their lives? Wendy Sachs, the author of the critically acclaimed new book, *Fearless and Free: How Smart Women Pivot and Relaunch Their Careers*, will give you the tips, hacks and strategies for how to grow confidence, engineer serendipity, embrace failure, brand yourself, network effectively and be more visible. Wendy thinks that in a disruptive job market where industries are evolving and jobs are less secure than ever, we all need to think of ourselves as entrepreneurs – even if we aren't running our own businesses.

January 30

[How Libraries Can Help Job-seekers Part II \(Utah State Library\)](#)

In this second segment, we discuss helping with interviewing skills.

[Is Consulting Your Next Calling? \(GrantSpace\)](#)

If you are thinking about consulting part-time, full-time or sometime in the future, join two veterans in this field as they share stories of this dynamic career choice. With candor and a wide range of experience, they will guide participants through the crucial questions to ask as aspiring or novice consultants.

[From Facilities to Trauma: Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency at Your Library \(WebJunction\)](#)

Recent catastrophes have highlighted the important role public libraries play in enhancing their **community's resiliency and** post-disaster recovery efforts. Many community leaders now view libraries as ad hoc disaster recovery centers and recognize librarians as Information First Responders. This presentation will help you and your library embrace this new role as Information First Responders, who quickly enable people to get back to work, back to their lives, and ensure **recovery of the community's economic life**. **Learn what you need to prepare before disaster strikes, guided by New Jersey State Library's Disaster Preparedness & Community Resiliency Toolkit**, which

has been emergency-tested by libraries. Your library can be at the forefront in providing that safe haven in times of crisis and helping your community return to normal life.

[Teaching Media Literacy in the Classroom \(edWeb\)](#)

Media literacy is an important skill both in and outside of the classroom for students of all ages. How **do students decipher between what is real and what has been fabricated online?** Join myON's Susannah Moran for a robust edWebinar where we will discuss the impact teachers can have on this **important topic. We'll share best practices, classroom tips and examples from schools across the country** who are successfully implementing media literacy into their daily routines.

January 31

[The Innovation in Libraries Awesome Foundation Chapter \(Nebraska Library Commission\)](#)

Transformative innovation is often driven by small scale projects and experiments. The Innovation in Libraries Awesome Foundation Chapter was created to support the prototyping of library innovations that embody the principles of diversity, inclusivity, creativity, and risk-taking. Since its founding, the chapter has supported projects from around the world that reflect the potential of citizen and library driven collaborations to address community issues and innovations. This session will discuss how the chapter was formed, the projects that have been funded, and the future direction of the Innovation in Libraries Chapter.

[Miss Manners: You Might be Sabotaging Your Career \(Indiana State Library\)](#)

This is a tongue-in-cheek webinar about workplace etiquette. The concepts covered are common sense, but some may benefit from humorous reminders and scenarios about how the little things matter in the workplace.

[Whole Leadership: Balancing Priorities of Administration and Pedagogy \(Early Childhood Investigations\)](#)

Do you ever feel like you have too many "plates spinning" at the same time? Do you feel like you neglect the most important things to take care of the most urgent needs? Join us for this provocative and useful discussion about leading early childhood programs that are sustainable, vibrant learning organizations.

[Introducing the Notable Books for a Global Society Collection: Promoting Understanding of Diversity \(Association for Library Service to Children\)](#)

Readers need books by and about all people to teach us about who we are and who we might become. The Notable Books for a Global Society strives to bring books by and about all people to student readers. Librarians are instrumental in making that happen. We invite you to explore the newly awarded 2018 NBGS collection in this webinar.