



## Fall 2019

### Library Staff and Board Training Opportunities

#### WEBINARS

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##### [The Books are Afoot \(next week!\)](#)

*Booklist Webinar*

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

October has been the instigator of many things—howling winds accompanied by mysterious figures; hounds running amok in Baskerville; and now, Booklist’s mystery webinar! Join us 10/29 when we hear from Books on Tape/Listening Library, HarperCollins Publishers, Severn House, and Oceanview Publishing about the latest mysteries creeping on the shelves this fall.

##### [How to use JP Boyd on Family Law \(2019\) in your public library \(next week!\)](#)

*LawMatters/Courthouse Libraries BC*

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

*JP Boyd on Family Law* (2019) is a key resource for front-line library staff to use when helping patrons with questions about separation, divorce or child custody. JP Boyd will provide an overview of *JP Boyd on Family Law* and how public library staff can use it for family law reference. Following the webinar, there will be a Q&A with JP Boyd.

##### [Reading Graphic: Graphic Novels for Fall and Beyond](#)

*Booklist Webinar*

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

Blending sweeping illustrations and powerful narratives, graphic novels offer fast-paced entertainment and educational opportunities for readers of all ages—and continue to be a high-circulating section in libraries everywhere. In this free, hour-long webinar, representatives from Dark Horse Comics, Dead Reckoning, Diamond Book Distributors, Fantagraphics Books, and Image Comics will showcase forthcoming children’s, middle-grade, YA, and adult graphic novel releases.

### [Facilitating Civic Engagement with Pop-Up Programming](#)

*Infopeople*

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

In late summer of 2016, Skokie (IL) Public Library created a Civic Lab—a mobile, pop-up initiative to increase public discussion and civic literacy among library patrons of all ages. In this webinar Christine Goertz and Amy Holcomb, two members of the Civic Lab team, will discuss the background of the Civic Lab, strategies in developing civic literacy opportunities across multiple departments, and the four types of pop-up events that make up the majority of Civic Lab appearances. Additionally, they will cover why civic engagement is inherent in library services as well as the lessons learned from three years of civic literacy programming.

### [Advocacy 101: When Advocacy Becomes Second Nature](#)

*WebJunction*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

If advocacy is a scary word to you, this webinar may change your feelings about it. Advocating for increased support for your library is an action that promotes the library's success and contributes to your own enhanced ability to do your job well, with improved resources. Join us for this webinar to help your library begin to build advocacy into your everyday routines. Learn about inexpensive ideas and activities, how to tap into the Friends of the Library and other groups, and how to figure out what matters to "them" (i.e. funding partners, community, grantors).

### [Winter D.I.Y.: New Craft & Gardening Titles](#)

*Booklist Webinar*

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

Creativity comes in many forms: art projects, handy fixes, or gardening! Whether you're looking for a new challenge or are totally new to the crafting and gardening world, we have an amazing webinar designed for all skill levels. Join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> when we talk with representatives from Search Press and Storey Publishing about upcoming craft and gardening books perfect to get you through those cold winter months.

### [Eliminating Fines: A win-win for your library and community](#)

*Infopeople*

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon (Pacific)

**Cost:** FREE (registration required)

Libraries have traditionally charged overdue fines for three reasons: to generate revenue, to get materials back on time, and to teach responsibility. But what if all of these assumptions are wrong? It turns out they are! In this webinar, you will discover why these reasons are old fashioned, incorrect notions that create a barrier for many people. You will hear how eliminating fines can lead to an increase in library use and circulation, with no negative effects.

## ONLINE COURSES & RESOURCES

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### [Board Discussion Starters](#)

*BC Library Trustees Association*

**Cost:** Free

Discussion Starters (link in title) are mini-packages of research, media, and other resources for supporting board work and development. This is an ongoing initiative with regular updates and additions. Contact BCLTA to add your resources, templates, or policies to any of the Discussion Starters.

### [Emerging Technologies: Identify, Evaluate, and Recommend the Best New Technologies](#)

*Infopeople*

**Course duration:** October 29 – November 25, 2019

**Cost:** \$200

In this 4-week online course you'll learn the best methods and strategies for tracking technology trends. We'll look at two roles or types of people, visionaries and implementers, and we'll offer strategies for each type. You'll learn about the best resources for keeping up, how to evaluate what you've learned, the importance of experimenting with new technologies, and how to plan for implementation of new technologies that meet your users' needs.

### [Connected Learning in Libraries](#)

*Infopeople*

**Course duration:** November 5 – 18, 2019

**Cost:** \$150

Connected learning is at the intersection of relationships, opportunities, and personal interests. It is the idea that libraries can support youth by connecting to them in various ways and with various resources. Join Dr. Lauren Hays and discover ways to connect youth with interests, peer-relationships, and new opportunities. The course will include numerous examples that embody the values and elements of connected learning.

### [Supervisory Success: Interpersonal Skills for New and Not-so-new Supervisors](#)

*Infopeople*

**Course duration:** November 12 – December 9, 2019

**Cost:** \$200

Supervising others can be exciting and gratifying, but it can also be challenging. Being a good supervisor means leading other people, effectively communicating goals and objectives, and coaching and mentoring others to help them become the best they can be. This course will help you identify your own expectations of yourself and others, and give you practice in some of the interpersonal skills required for supervision: communication, mentoring, coaching, conflict resolution, mediation, feedback, and more.

### **Building Great Programs for Seniors Workshop**

*American Library Association*

**Date/Time:** December 12, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)

**Cost:** \$60 (USD)

By building programs that engage and attract active seniors to your library, you can help reinforce your library's status as an important community centre for residents of all ages. In this workshop, Amy Alessio will provide you with several programming ideas and tips on how to market these programs, so that you can build successful programs that attract more seniors into your library.

### **From Compassion to Action: Serving those with Mental Health Challenges in the Library**

*Infopeople*

**Course duration:** On demand & self-paced

**Cost:** Free

Would you like to better understand mental health and mental health challenges in order to provide compassionate and meaningful library resources and services? Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. experience mental health challenges in a given year, so it is highly likely that individuals with mental health challenges are visiting and working at every library each day.

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

#### **2020 BC Library Conference: Libraries, Democracy, and Action**

**Date:** April 15-17, 2020

**Location:** Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

A call for session proposals is ongoing until December 2, 2019. Submit your proposals [here](#).