

WebJunction Update: Highlights from our resource collection

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

How might you empower your community members to inform and contribute to library programs and services?

- The [Toolkit for Creating Smart Spaces](#) is bursting with great ideas, examples and resources to help you consider how to engage your community in creating smart spaces.
- [The Skills for Community-Centered Libraries Curriculum](#); The Free Library of Philadelphia has shared four 4-hour workshops that you can implement at your library to help staff develop skills in identifying neighborhood assets, facilitating community meetings, understanding emerging neighborhood trends, and enhancing the library's community engagement initiatives. **Sep 2021**
- [Growing Library Garden Programs](#) has a list of links to library gardens and gardening programs from all around the country. **Feb 2019**
- The [Social Library, the Great Outdoors Edition](#) highlights libraries taking their programming to the great outdoors to connect with the community. **May 2021**
- [Youth Programming Goes Virtual—Storytimes, Crafts, Teen Activities, and More](#); Are we through with virtual programming? Probably not! Find ideas and activities for virtual youth programming, with tips on video and guidance on handling copyright and permissions. **Apr 2020**

MOVING TOWARD EQUITY

What are libraries doing to address racism and build more equity into our systems?

- [Doing the Work Externally and Internally: Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) (webinar); Hear how one library responded to a community in deep crisis around race and social justice with innovative approaches for both internal staff and external community members. **Dec 2019**
- [“Let’s Talk Race” Toolkits](#) (webinar); Talking openly about race with kids can dramatically improve their racial literacy—but adults often don't know where to start! Staff from the Salt Lake City Public Library share how they built picture book-based kits to give caregivers the tools to have these important conversations. **Feb 2022**
- The [Conscious Child Family Book Discussion Kits](#) from the Oxford Lane Library (OH) help facilitate family discussions on racial equity, identity and justice; includes book lists and discussion guides, for other libraries to use and adapt locally. **Apr 2021**
- [Eliminating Library Fines: Improving Community Access, Equity and Usage](#) (webinar); Learn how going fine-free can eliminate barriers for the community and improve access to library materials and services. **June 2021**

SELF-CARE, COMMUNITY CARE

What are you doing to acknowledge what we've been through and find ways to keep yourself and your library thriving?

- [Prioritizing and Promoting Self-Care to Avoid Burnout](#) (webinar); Explore the physical, behavioral and emotional barriers that lead to burnout, as well as methods to mitigate workplace stressors. **May 2021**
- [Taking Care of Self, Staff, and Community](#) (webinar and [related article](#)); Understand how the power of social connection forms the bridge from self-care to workplace wellbeing to community care; be sure to look at the [CHAT](#) for some great ideas from the live audience. **Mar 2022**
- [Mental Health First Aid and Trauma-Informed Approaches for Libraries](#) (webinar); Learn how the principles of trauma-informed care and Mental Health First Aid can equip staff with the knowledge and confidence to communicate with compassion. **April 2021**
- [Social Work Students and Public Library Partnerships](#) (webinar) provides information on how libraries can collaborate with social work interns and programs, to provide critical services to community members and training and support for library staff. **April 2020**

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS

What skills do you want to enhance to better respond to community needs?

- The Improving Access to Civil Legal Justice Through Libraries project identifies what libraries can do to more effectively connect patrons with information about their civil legal issues and help to address the justice gap.
 - [Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice](#) is a suite of four foundational courses on ways to augment your reference skills to connect patrons with the civil legal information they need.
 - [Eviction Resources](#) offers a set of resources specifically related to eviction.
 - *Coming this fall*: Disaster Response – the Civil Legal Side; a course series
- [Public Libraries and Public Health: Partners for Community Health](#) (webinar); Learn how to build library staff confidence in providing health information, assess community health needs, and build community partnerships that magnify the role public libraries play as key contributors to community health. **Oct 2021**
- *Available in spring 2022!* [Digital Collections Stewardship Course Series](#) is a series of free online courses developed for staff at tribal archives, libraries, museums (TALMs), and small public libraries on digital stewardship and community-centered curation of digital collections.
 - *Upcoming webinar*: [Digital Collections at Your Library: Community, Culture, and Connection](#): **April 26, 2022**
- [Training for Library Supervisors](#); The Supervisor Success Series, created in partnership between WebJunction and Learning Round Table, offers three modules that anyone can learn from on their own or with a group: Encouraging Motivation in the Workplace; Managing Conflict for Supervisor Success; and Performance Management for Supervisors.

- Webinar: [Training New Supervisors for Success: Don't Start from Scratch](#); How the Indianapolis Public Library training team adapted the Supervisor Success curriculum for their staff. **May 2021**
- The [Supercharged Storytimes](#) course is perennially popular. You already provide great storytimes and this course can help you intentionally apply research-based practices to boost early literacy in young children attending library storytime.

LEARN TOGETHER

How do you enhance on-demand learning? Learn together!

- Learning together is best! The [Learning Group Facilitation Guide](#) provides a framework for organizing, structuring, and leading a group of learners through self-paced courses on any topic.
- [Facilitator Guide for Supercharged Storytimes Self-Paced Course](#) offers module discussion guides specific to the Supercharged Storytimes course. Read the [related article](#) to learn more.
- The [Civil Legal Justice Group Activities](#) guide provides discussion questions, group activities, course notes and facilitator tips specific to each of the Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice courses.
- WebJunction creates Learner Guides for all webinars. These guides are designed to extend your learning after the webinar and take actions back to your library. They also work well for those attending webinars as a cohort of learners.