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THE READING NOOK

I might be the most excited this year to read Stina Leicht's *Persephone Station*, partly because the cover is so great but also because I love a scuzzy space bar. Here, the leader of a band of semi-honorable criminals takes a job from the owner of said scuzzy space bar and goes to war with the corporation that wants to exploit their planet.

Everina Maxwell's Winter's Orbit is being described as a sci-fic romance with a murder mystery at the center, which is a lot of great tastes together. In Winter's Orbit, a charming prince is rushed into an arranged marriage with his murdered cousin's widower, a reserved young ambassador who is trying to prevent intergalactic war.

Read More!

New Niche Academy Lesson: Grant Writing

Niche Academy has launched a seven-part series on Grant Writing. This series will take you step-by-step through the process with an emphasis on identifying key players, connecting grant requirements with your mission, writing narratives, budgeting, and even how to handle a rejection of your proposal. This lesson is listed under a new category called Grant Writing.

Speaking of new things in Niche Academy, we are now using pathways to clean up the categories. Pathways are a way of grouping tutorials of a similar topic together rather than have separate tiles spread out. It makes for a tidier page. Let us know what you think by contacting us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

National Library Week

The theme for National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021), "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

Celebrations during National Library Week

- **Monday, April 5**: State of America's Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2020.
- **Tuesday, April 6**: **National Library Workers Day**, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- **Wednesday, April 7**: **National Library Outreach Day**, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- **Thursday, April 8**: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

Find ways to celebrate National Library Week, graphics that fit the theme, and other free tools at National Library Week | Conferences & Events (ala.org)

Getting Started with Libby Virtual Trainings

Libby experts will be hosting virtual training sessions to help you access our library's digital collection of e-books and audiobooks through the free Libby app on **March 24**.

Find out how to navigate the app, browse and search for titles, borrow titles and place holds, manage notifications, and much more by **registering today**.

You can download the free Libby app through your device's app store to get started today.

2021 Virtual Renewal and Development Conference

The 2021 Renewal and Development Conference has been scheduled for April 12 and 13! Each day will include the same four sessions to make it easier for everyone to attend.

Sessions include an opening address from State Librarian Mary Soucie and sessions on Intellectual Freedom by Rita Ennen, Library Director at the Dickinson Area Public Library, Community Gardens from the United Tribes Technical College, and Wildlife from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

This conference is free of charge. Register today for the **April 12 sessions** or the **April 13 sessions**.

2021 Teen Video Challenge

The Teen Video Challenge (TVC) is an annual video contest and is open to all teens (librarian and teacher support is encouraged). The challenge is for teens to create a public services announcement-type video that shows their unique interpretation of the 2021 CSLP slogan "Tails and Tales". Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds and should promote libraries and reading.

Are you looking for an easy program to share with your teens? The 2021 TVC is a fun, simple summer program for teens to create and submit! There will be five national winners. Just have your teens submit a link to their video and complete a **simple online form**.

- The program will accept submissions June 1-Aug 6, 2021, so that the program can be incorporated into summer programs (it's still a great opportunity to partner with schools with video production classes or clubs; students can produce the videos as a class project and submit them in June!)
- Videos will be limited to 60 seconds, making this a doable project for small teams.
- Permission and model release forms will only be required from the winning entries (completing the forms is a requirement to receive prizes and acknowledgment).
- The TVC Ad-Hoc Committee will convene a judging panel from CSLP partners and members.
- Teens can upload to the social media outlet of their choice.

For more information, check out **CSLP's website**.

Other News, Webinars, and Grant Opportunities:

Song & Dance Shows to Fit Your Audience!

Kids sing & dance on their living room stage the WHOLE TIME! They learn fresh dance moves, classic children's songs, early education, & important life lessons from our friendly, personable dancers & singers. Our talented performers are fantastic...

Read more
www.dancespectacularproduct...

Books to Read Before They Hit the Screen

For readers who think the book is always better than the movie—this list is for you! From award-winning authors to debuts, now's your chance to read these books before they hit the screen...

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borrowreadrepeat.com

Data That Counts: An Introduction to Census Data for...

Libraries were central to helping people be counted in the 2020 Census. Now, learn how to make the data count for your library and community. This webinar will introduce you to the important role that public libraries can play in assisting individ...

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ala-events.zoom.us

Break Barriers: Get Kids Thinking Critically About Bias

Of the many challenges educators have had to face this past year, guiding students on overcoming biases ranks high on the list. Kathy Carroll, 2020-2021 AASL President, will moderate a roundtable discussion on the subject in this one-hour webinar ...

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ala-events.zoom.us

Create News Alerts in Gale OneFile Periodical Resources

Get the latest news and articles from your favorite publications sent directly to your email or RSS feed. In this 15 minute session, we'll demonstrate how to setup news alerts within Gale OneFile periodical resources to support your ongoing...

Read more
cengage.zoom.us

Strengthening Communities: Food Access at Your Library

Libraries across the country are increasingly working to address food insecurity in their local communities. Presenters will provide examples of library food access initiatives including seed libraries, community gardens and farmers markets...

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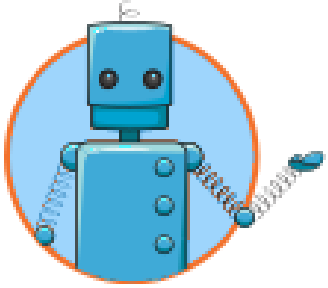
oclcwebinar.webex.com



Citizen Science Month - SciStarter

Citizen Science Month offers thousands of opportunities for you to turn your curiosity into impact. There's something for everyone, everywhere! Join a project or event from wherever you are to help scientists answer questions they cannot answer...

Read more
scistarter.org

Celebrate Citizen Science Month with SciStarter and STAR Net

Hundreds of libraries across the country are community hubs for citizen science. Yours can be, too! Citizen science connects communities to real scientific data through engaging projects that help make the world a better place. We will be hearing ...

Read more
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