

July 2025

**North Dakota State Library Webinar: Mental Health in the Library
July 1, 2025. 2:00 PM -2:45 PM CST**

In this webinar, participants will learn more about societal stigmas and misconceptions about mental health, mental health in the library, how to deal with difficult situations and patrons, and how to care for staff. Sometimes caring for the staff is the first line to care for the mental health of patrons. We will also discuss what to do in those hard situations and how to deal with difficult patrons with prevention and communication.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/284402c3-730f-4898-a683-822ba6180991@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

**Niche Academy Webinar: Strengthen, Revise, and Evaluate Your Policies
July 9, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).**

Libraries are in need of updated policies now more than ever. Strong policy is one of the best ways to protect library staff, prevent issues, and keep unpreventable issues from escalating too far. Attendees should leave with actionable ideas to strengthen, revise, and evaluate library policy manuals.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/fortifying-your-library-protecting-your-library-and-staff-through-policy>

**OverDrive Webinar: Fall Picks from OverDrive Librarians
July 10, 2025. 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST.**

Join OverDrive's staff librarians to hear about the best books landing on your digital shelves this fall. We're sharing can't-miss titles with highlights in humor, action, adventure, feel-good picks and more! Genres may include titles for juvenile, young adult, and adult audiences. You'll also hear some of our favorite film picks on Kanopy.

Registration:
https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WMm0pm4oQ9WVqiKU9g2ZJQ#/registration

**Public Library Association Webinar: Super Searchers and Meet LEO
July 17, 2025. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST.**

The ease with which misinformation can be created and spread online endangers everyday discourse—and libraries are uniquely suited to help counteract its negative effects. Google has created a new set of tools for evaluating material found online, making it easier to think critically about the veracity of digital information right at the point of search. New this year are additional tools to help library workers guide parents, caregivers and educators in safely navigating online with their children. Library consultant Toby Greenwalt demonstrates the capabilities of Super Searchers and Meet LEO and showcases potential applications in the library workspace.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JxB7TaxaTvqldSo8b2AL7w#/registration

Booklist Webinar: Celebrate Stories Across Generations
July 17, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.

Join Random House Children's Books for an engaging author event celebrating the magic of family traditions through captivating picture books. Hear from authors Daniel Nayeri (A KNOT IS NOT A TANGLE), Carole Boston Weatherford (FAMILY FEAST!), Jamal Saeed (MY SISTER THE APPLE TREE), and Charnelle Pinkney Barlow (TWO ARTISTS, GRANDAD AND ME) as they share stories of heartfelt memories and embracing diversity within families. These inspiring books foster cultural understanding, strengthen community bonds, and highlight the importance of the power of family ties.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/8817498485893/WN_f0u_KRApRI6KBrmZNYtuqQ#/registration

Niche Academy Webinar: Meetings that Matter: Seven Steps to Running an Effective Meeting
July 23, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).

The meeting started late and went over the scheduled time. Attendees were updated on events that had already occurred. Speakers talked too long and repeated themselves in unstructured presentations. Those on video tried to surreptitiously knock off some email while trying to appear fully present. No forward-facing decisions were made.

If any of this sounds familiar, know that it does not have to be. Join best-selling Author, CEO, and Stanford faculty member David Dodson as he describes seven steps you can implement to create meetings that matter.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/meetings-that-matter-seven-steps-to-running-an-effective-meeting>

WebJunction Webinar: Elevating Core Skills with New Library Foundational Training (LiFT) Courses.

July 30, 2025. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST.

The Library Foundational Training (LiFT) courses build on the popular ABLE (Alternative Basic Library Education) curriculum while introducing fresh content and innovative learning approaches. This webinar is designed for public library staff—from front-line workers to directors and managers, state library continuing education staff, and anyone involved in staff training or in collection development. Join this webinar to find out how the Collection Management LiFT courses can be used to empower staff and enhance library services.

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/elevating-core-skills-with-lift.html>