

May 2025

WebJunction Webinar: AI and Public Libraries: Panel and Discussion

May 1, 2025. 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

The adoption and advancement of AI technologies has been swift, extensive, and overwhelming. WebJunction is bringing together a group of library leaders and technologists with AI expertise to discuss some of the main themes identified in the poll results, and their professional perspectives on the questions and opportunities that AI presents. Attendees will come away with a deeper understanding of AI and its applications in public libraries, and strategies for addressing AI with the public.

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/ai-panel-and-discussion.html>

Booklist Webinar: Thriller, Mystery, & True Crime

May 6, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.

Heart-pounding, gut-turning, and interest-piquing stories are coming your way with this free one-hour webinar! Do you dare to approach? Representatives from Hachette, Alcove Press, Soho Press and HarperCollins will share their best upcoming thriller, mystery and true crime titles! Senior Editor for Adult Books, Annie Bostrom, will moderate.

Register: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/1417442331241/WN_2NH9dfAiSFqkwdopxxJCDA#/registration

Niche Academy Webinar: Instructional Design for Adult Learner: A Primer

May 7, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).

Adult learners have different needs and motivations than children, which should influence our instructional approaches. Join Laura Saunders and Melissa Wong for this session on instructional design for adult learners. They will outline the basics of instructional design and lesson planning, including the Backward Design approach of identifying outcomes, designing assessments, and planning instruction with a focus on adult learners.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/instructional-design-for-adult-learners-a-primer>

Booklist Webinar: Cooking with Comics

May 8, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.

The explosion of comics about food and cooking gives us the perfect time to dig into stories that engage the senses and leave readers hungry for more. This conversation includes stories from comics creators and librarians about their experiences with flavorful programming. From spice libraries and bundt pans to cooking lessons, libraries can provide a feast for the senses. Cooking programs can also provide pathways to important topics like cultural awareness, health literacy, and community aid.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/3217450002231/WN_3FCxaXR5T32vejtuRNv4Lg#/registration

Booklist Webinar: Page-Turning Picture Books

May 13, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.

Picture books can be foundational for starting the reading journeys of children everywhere. Representatives from Phoenix International Publications, Disney Publishing, Annick Press, Sourcebooks and Simon & Schuster will tell us all about their latest most page-turning picture books. Sarah Hunter, Editor for Books for Youth and Graphic Novels will moderate.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/8917448368921/WN_nrCMBgEqQCGh8yW4ep_QvA#/registration

Public Library Association Webinar: Super Searchers and Meet LEO

May 13, 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_nwiu-GAEQeS7he68B76IMg#/registration

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Public Library Director Hangout

May 14, 2025. 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Come to enjoy some time together. Share what's happening in your library. Geek out over cool library things. Bring your questions to the hive mind. Whatever your reason for coming, I hope to see you there.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1af4b242-df2f-41ae-9b9f-e074b6a85b41@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Accessibility and Assistive Devices in the Library

May 21, 2025. 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM CST.

In this webinar, we will discuss what accessibility in the library is, why it matters, and how to make services more accessible to patrons. Making libraries more accessible to patrons with all kinds of difficulties, even temporary ones, can enrich communities and library services. We will also discuss assistive devices (both no-tech and technology based) and how they can be used to enhance library services and patron experience.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a90ec961-4675-473f-8acb-5dd610a477ab@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: School Library Collaboration

May 22, 2025. 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM CST, 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM MST

As the idiom goes, "Two heads are better than one." It can be easier to solve problems or generate ideas in a group setting rather than alone. This half-hour session is an opportunity for school librarians to share ideas, resources, and news (both good and not-so-good), as well as to provide professional support. Please note that this "School Lib Chat" will not be recorded. Join me once a month to discuss any topics related to the school librarian world. I look forward to visiting with you soon!

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/cbe35845-b1f0-469e-9727-dbcdb131a519@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

Niche Academy Webinar: Building Community-Based Wellbeing or Social Prescribing” in the Library

May 28, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).

Humans are social; however, we are in an epidemic of loneliness. Social prescribing is a model of care that empowers health professionals to formally prescribe non-clinical community activities, like the arts, movement, nature, and service (volunteering) to improve patient health. Social prescribing is intended to broaden the health professionals' toolkits rather than to replace pharmacological measures. Libraries can be part of that toolkit. Join Rebecca Hass and Tammy Turner as they share several social prescribing initiatives and projects inspired by global models and research on the health benefits of meaningful activities and social connection.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/building-community-based-wellbeing-or-social-prescribing-in-the-library>

Public Library Association Webinar: Super Searchers and Meet LEO

May 29, 2025. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST.

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Registration:

<https://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/searchers2025may29>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Reader Advisory Tips and Tricks featuring Novelist

May 29, 2025. 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM CST.

Ever have a patron ask you for a “good book” to read? Or, do you have a patron who is really caught up in a series and wants the “next three books in the series.” Do questions like these make you want to freeze up? Then this webinar is for you. We’ll explore the topic of Reader’s Advisory and examine the Online Library Resource, Novelist.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/cca023ed-7a95-406d-ba3c-cd199f7b4078@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>