

# Webinars

May 2026

## **Booklist Webinar: A Conversation with Billie Jean King and Liz Robbins**

**May 4, 2026. 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST.**

Join Booklist and Calkins Creek, an imprint of Astra Books for Young Readers for a very special conversation with global sports icon and equality trailblazer Billie Jean King about her newest book, SEE IT TO BE IT: ELEVEN CHAMPIONS LEADING WOMEN'S SPORTS TODAY. In this thirty-minute webinar, King will be in conversation with co-author Liz Robbins to discuss this powerful nonfiction book that will empower young athletes, sports fans, and readers seeking real-life inspiration.

**Registration:** [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/7017756641722/WN\\_azoA6nbiTbqYIP6lpNCmJQ#/registration](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/7017756641722/WN_azoA6nbiTbqYIP6lpNCmJQ#/registration)

## **Booklist Webinar: The Clue is in the Title: Upcoming Thrillers, Mysteries, and True Crime**

**May 5, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.**

Cozy mysteries, psychological thrillers, globe-trotting criminals—it's all here in Booklist's upcoming webinar featuring thrillers, mysteries, and true crime titles from Hachette Book Group, Sourcebooks, and Disney Publishing. Join this Booklist webinar that will unlock the clues behind these excellent books! Keep readers' hearts pumping and improve their amateur detective skills. Moderated by Booklist's Editor in Chief and Adult Books editor Donna Seaman.

**Registration:** [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/6617762643274/WN\\_LasTm7dzTwgewtjxucZPsQ#/registration](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/6617762643274/WN_LasTm7dzTwgewtjxucZPsQ#/registration)

## **Booklist Webinar: MacKids Fall 2026 Preview Event**

**May 6, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.**

Sign up for the Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Fall 2026 Preview Event, where we'll preview upcoming picture books, middle grade, young adult, and adult titles. Stay tuned for our live special guests! Newbery Honor-winning and National Book Award finalist author Kyle Lukoff will introduce his inspiring picture book, THE VICIOUS

CYCLE, and New York Times–bestselling author Ayana Gray will be in conversation about HAWK & SPARROW, a Gilded Age-inspired tale of mystery, magic, and romance! We'll also have guest video appearances from talented creators Jason Douglas Griffin (BE THE ACORN), Allie Millington (TRUNK NO. 3), and Josh Galarza (FALSE FACE).

**Registration:** [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117767037854/WN\\_3PbyEq3XQCWuRG2-POfHGg#/registration](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117767037854/WN_3PbyEq3XQCWuRG2-POfHGg#/registration)

**Niche Academy Webinar: From Data to Story: Communicating Nonprofit Impact That Inspires**

**May 6, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).**

Impact isn't just about numbers, it's about the lives you change and the stories that bring your mission to life. Join Kari Anderson for this storytelling-centered session to explore how to connect data and human experience to craft powerful narratives that capture hearts, spark action, and deepen trust. Learn how to move beyond dry reports and transform your outcomes into meaningful, memorable stories that funders, partners, and community members can't ignore. Through real-world examples and practical exercises, you'll gain tools to measure what matters, find the story in the data, and share your organization's impact in a way that inspires lasting support.

**Registration:** <https://www.nicheacademy.com/from-data-to-story-communicating-nonprofit-impact-that-inspires-1>

**Booklist Webinars: Adult Faves**

**May 12, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST.**

Cultural studies, romantasy, comics, mysteries—it's all here and more during our Adult Faves webinar. Join Booklist for this free, one-hour event where representatives from Beacon Press, Bloomsbury, Soho Press, and Drawn & Quarterly will present their season's best that will be "must-haves" for your shelves!

**Registration:** [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/9417768696357/WN\\_deWJ254XTMOTBSwm8nHBKg#/registration](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/9417768696357/WN_deWJ254XTMOTBSwm8nHBKg#/registration)

**North Dakota State Library Webinar: WordPress Q&A**  
**May 12, 2026. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST.**

This interactive Q&A session is focused on all things WordPress! Whether you are just getting started, needing a refresher, or looking to update/enhance your library's existing website, this session is designed to provide guidance, answers to questions, and assistance in making the most of your WordPress website.

This is an opportunity to get real-time support or share experiences. Bring your questions, ideas, and curiosity.

**Registration:** <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/ddba9d69-f8ee-4146-8530-51d6de433b2b@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

**WebJunction Webinar: How to Use Media and Information Literacy Events to Engage Teens and Communities.**  
**May 12, 2026. 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST.**

Organizing and hosting events focused on media and information literacy topics can bring together teens and the larger community. In this session, staff from the Center for an Informed Public (CIP) and a librarian from Hoboken Public Library (NJ) will provide a brief overview of two programmatic models, A Day for an Informed Public and Media Mentorship, that libraries and their partners can use in their own communities. Hear about how you can engage with a mix of different formats such as games, small group activities, and intergenerational learning.

**Registration:** <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/info-literacy-teens.html>

**Niche Academy Webinar: Empowering Library Staff and Customers: Building a Culture of Teamwork and Trust**  
**May 13, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).**

In response to rising social isolation and rapid technological change, libraries must prioritize trust, adaptability, and collaboration. By fostering compassionate leadership, embracing innovation, and forming strategic partnerships, libraries can remain vital community hubs.

The webinar will present actionable strategies to build trust internally and externally, support neurodiverse and LGBTQIA customers and staff, navigate workplace unions, and lead cultural transformation with patience and purpose. Join Christine Feldmann and Catherine Hollerbach for a conversation about how libraries can cultivate a strong, inclusive workplace culture that empowers staff and strengthens community engagement.

**Registration:** [Webinar: Empowering Library Staff and Customers: Building A Culture of Teamwork and Trust](#)

**North Dakota State Library Webinar: Public Library Director Hangout  
May 13, 2026. 2:00 PM – 2:45 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:** [Public Library Director Hangout | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

**North Dakota State Library Webinar: The Light and Dark Side of AI: Implications for Academic Libraries  
May 20, 2026. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM CST**

Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping teaching, learning, and research—and academic libraries are at the center of this shift. This webinar explores the “light side” of AI, including enhanced research support, improved discovery tools, and new opportunities for instruction and student success. It also examines the “dark side,” such as algorithmic bias, misinformation, academic integrity concerns, and data privacy risks.

**Registration:** [The Light and Dark Side of AI: Implications for Academic Libraries | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

**WebJunction Webinar: Where is AI in 2026 and Where is it Going  
May 21, 2026. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST.**

In just the past year, AI has advanced at a pace that has stunned even leading experts. These systems aren't science fiction anymore—they're reshaping work, relationships, and even crime in real time. This fast-paced, beginner-friendly interactive webinar explores AI's current capabilities and what we know about where it is headed. Ramirez will explain why AI is quite proficient at some tasks while it performs poorly on others. AI

safety concepts will be a significant part of the presentation. Leave with knowledge that will help you and your library be more prepared to serve your communities.

**Registration:** <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/where-is-ai-going.html>

**Niche Academy Webinar: Fundraising Across the Generations**  
**May 27, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).**

Boomers will carry philanthropy until 2035. Then what?! We've got less than a decade to replace these donors, who tend to give bigger gifts and donate on a more frequent basis. We need to start building our donor pipeline now, which means cultivating new relationships with donors from Gen X, Millennials/Gen Y, and Gen Z. Join Sarah Lange for this webinar to help you effectively build a "farm team" for the future.

During this session, participants will:

- Identify the characteristics of each generation.
- Understand how each generation approaches philanthropy.
- Gain actionable strategies for effective engagement.

**Registration:** <https://www.nicheacademy.com/webinar-fundraising-across-the-generations>

**WebJunction Webinar: Measuring Trust: How to Collect Meaningful and Actionable Data**  
**May 28, 2026. 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST.**

Trust is such an important part of library's work, being a trusted member of the community, promoting trust in the community. But measuring trust is a tricky task. Our partners at IREX have spent lots of time thinking about how to do just that. Join us to hear IREX and several libraries discuss experiments they ran with trust-building programs. Learn how they collected data and what the data told them, and leave with some tips and tools for measuring trust in your library.

**Registration:** <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/measuring-trust.html>