

Webinars

April 2026

Niche Academy Webinar: Practical Project Management for Librarians and Nonprofit Leaders

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

Accomplishing a specific outcome within a specific time frame has always been an objective for organizations. The use of project management tools and techniques to effectively manage resources is key in the ever-changing landscape of resource limitations, technological enhancements, and shifting policies. But also, key is using project management to determine how best apply these tools and techniques to the size and type of project, to ensure efficient project planning and implementation.

In this webinar, Kirsten Clark provides opportunities to explore how right sizing the effort to the project and organizational needs provides a more sustainable approach to project success.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/practical-project-management-for-librarians-and-nonprofit-leaders-1>

WebJunction Webinar: Winning Library Grants: Turning Community Needs into Funded Projects

April 7, 2026. 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. CST

If grant writing feels overwhelming, you're not alone. Libraries everywhere are balancing limited time, big ideas, and shifting community needs. This session offers a friendly, encouraging walk through a clear approach that makes the whole process more manageable and more successful. This webinar will explore how to identify genuine community needs, shape them into grant project ideas, align with funders, and create a project structure that reviewers will trust. We'll look at common pitfalls, share simple ways to stay focused, and build confidence at each stage of the grant cycle. Find out how a vague idea becomes a strong, fundable project. You'll also see where AI tools can lend a helpful hand. You'll leave with a grounded, repeatable process you can rely on, plus renewed confidence in your ability to find and apply for funding that strengthens your community.

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/library-grants.html>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Cataloging Unique Items
April 8, 2026. 3:15 PM -4:00 PM CST.

There's more to catalog than just books and DVDs. In this webinar you will learn some tips for cataloging kits and objects, since many libraries have a "Library of things" that includes items like tents, stand mixers, life jackets, board games, etc. In addition to cataloging, we will cover some aspects of physical processing and kit maintenance that are different than dealing with standard library materials like books.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/c9d78f19-1888-4544-a873-fea1962a0543@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Is It Time to Ditch Dewey? The Pros and Cons of Using Genrefication.

April 9, 2026. 3:15 PM -4:00 PM CST

Join Kathy Cline, School Library Specialist, and explore the growing trend toward genrefication as an alternative to the traditional Dewey Decimal System. We will discuss the advantages of genrefication as well as its challenges. Attendees will learn tips for deciding whether to genrefy and strategies and resources for getting started. This webinar is for librarians interested in learning more about genrefication and whether it's the right fit for their users and collection.

Registration <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/9cb1e22b-7edd-41cd-a62a-9e95c12db097@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

OverDrive Webinar: Summer Picks from OverDrive Librarians

April 14, 2026. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST.

Join OverDrive's staff librarians to hear about the best books landing on your digital shelves this summer! We're sharing can't-miss titles across six trending topics, including "the cover made me read it," psychological thrills, magic and fantasy, family-centered stories, and more. Genres will include titles for adult audiences. We'll send you a link to shop all the titles mentioned so you can easily add them to your collection. (Even if you are not involved in the selection process for the Library2Go consortium, this would be a good webinar for suggestions on purchasing new books for your library!)

Registration:https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ISh3dYY8QWXSUao8yLtzw#/registration

North Dakota State Library Webinar: WordPress Q&A
April 14, 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/3b481f7d-aec5-4cea-8c62-0a83c7a6a15d@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

Booklist Webinar: Sunny Summer Reading
April 14, 2026. 1:00 PM -2:00 PM CST.

We're all looking forward to summer sun, and with the new season comes new and amazing titles to boost your patrons' summer reading! This webinar is full of all the best upcoming titles sure to beat the summer slide! Representatives from Drawn and Quarterly, Highlights, Charlesbridge and Simon & Schuster will present. Sarah Hunter, Editor for Books for Youth and Graphic Novels will host.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/2217737741587/WN_gMXbY4eCSfiJQ3sGEGO0uq#/registration

Niche Academy Webinar: Igniting the Brain: How Neuroarts can Transform Your Library and Your Well- Being.
April 15, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).

What do neuroscience, libraries, and the arts have in common? Join Rebecca Hass and Steve Mangum in this webinar introducing the growing field of neuroarts, where neuroscience meets creativity and recognizes how creative artistic experiences shape the brain, reduce stress, strengthen social connection, and support lifelong learning.

In a time when many library workers face high workloads, emotional labor, and rising community needs, neuroarts offers evidence-based approaches to support staff well-being and prevent burnout. You'll learn how creative practices can regulate the

nervous system, replenish emotional reserves, and create space for joy and resilience in the workplace.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/webinar-igniting-the-brain-how-neuroarts-can-transform-your-library-and-your-well-being>

Booklist Webinar: Read to Succeed: Title Selections to Build Young Reader Interest and Growth

April 16, 2026. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST.

Learning to read is a process based in fundamental skills acquired through decodable texts and built through progressively challenging materials that ignite a passion for learning and spark creativity. Join Booklist for this webinar featuring titles that will build literacy development in young readers. We'll be joined by representatives from DK, Cherry Lake Publishing Group, The Child's World, Hachette Book Group, and Publisher Spotlight. From developing comprehension skills to utilizing accessible texts to build reader interest, these books are a must-have for your library or classroom. Moderated by Booklist's Books for Youth senior editor Julia Smith.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/4017743648355/WN_E5E0NF6fRk2S2lxKraQyBQ#/registration

Booklist Webinar: Library Love for Library Reads

April 23, 2026. 1:00 PM -2:00 PM CST.

Writing retreats ending in murder; waking up in another century; finding a dream job only to discover it could cost you your life--what books will appear on the fall LibraryReads lists? Join Booklist for this free webinar featuring tons of titles that are a perfect fit for that library-sourced list! We'll be joined by representatives from Macmillan Library Marketing, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, W. W. Norton & Company, Simon & Schuster, and HarperCollins Publishers. From thrillers to romance to historical fiction, these are sure bets for your shelves. Moderated by Booklist's Senior Editor, Collection Management and Library Outreach, Susan Maguire.

Registration: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/1017750489639/WN_mzBHXB7_SJWGHYKVcNZKfg#/registration

Niche Academy Webinar: Just Listen: Using Listening Tours to Improve Workplace Culture

April 29, 2026. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific).

Mission-driven organizations like libraries and nonprofits serve many groups, but do leaders and administrators take time to think about the different groups within their workplaces? Employee work and personal contexts shape how they feel about their work lives, but these perspectives can be too nuanced to be accurately captured by workplace climate surveys.

Instead, organizations should consider implementing listening tours to learn directly from their employees, in their own words, what is and is not working. Join Emily Mross and Carmen Cole as they discuss how they implemented a listening tour at their library. They will also provide information for conducting listening tours at other organizations.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/just-listen-using-listening-tours-to-improve-workplace-culture-1>