

Hello,

I hope that you all are doing well today.

I have transcribed the meeting notes from our in-person idea swaps (thank you for your patience), and all of those are available at this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15lyqP1HOaLe3y58qIPEF_E1WEfCHbzVP?usp=sharing

Please be sure to check these notes out when you get a chance because a lot of creative ideas were shared by you and your colleagues.

Here are some pictures I took at the idea swaps at the Green County Public Library and the McCreary County Public Library.

Green County



These candles were made out of pool noodles and tea lights.



The poster was made in partnership with the local high school to support the theme of "All Together Now."

McCreary County



*This poster was printed for McCreary County Public Library by Russell County Public Library. The Russell County Public Library staff used the poster printer they have in RCPL's maker space.



*This space pack was made from recycled/reused materials. Pretty cool!!

Monthly Adult and Outreach Services meeting notes

Here are the meeting notes from our October monthly meeting.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZPTRi3TctEMTH1OIE77cWRwelhEDX25B?usp=sharing>

Thank you to all who attended! I appreciated how much you all shared, and I am proud of the work that you are doing.

*The flyers about KDLAs kits that you can share with schools and other community organizations are attached, and please let me know if you have any questions about the flyers or the kits.

Please let me know if you have any corrections or questions about what I have shared.

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Programming

Updates from the Reference and User Services Association's Financial Literacy Interest group (FLIG)

CFPB's/FDIC's Money Smart for Older Adults

The CFPB is gathering examples of libraries that partner in their communities to provide financial education to older patrons to help them protect their money. In particular, the CFPB is looking for a library that has partnered with a local financial institution to deliver [Money Smart for Older Adults financial education sessions](#) to older patrons.

If your library has offered these sessions, [please email me](#)! We'd love to hear from you.

FDIC's "Know Your Risk. Protect Your Money." campaign launches

To increase the public's awareness of deposit insurance and how it can protect people's money in the event of a bank's failure, the FDIC developed a national consumer campaign, "Know Your Risk. Protect Your Money." The campaign reaches people who may have lower confidence in the U.S. banking system or who are unbanked, as well as those who use mobile payment systems, alternative banking services and financial products that may appear to be FDIC-insured but are not. [Learn more about the campaign and see the ads here.](#) If you work with populations that may have low confidence in the US banking system, consider sharing this awareness campaign and helping them learn more about FDIC protection.

RUSA Virtual Forum Session Proposals Open

This year's forum theme is *Reference Revolution: AI + More*, and the forum will be held from March 5-7.

Proposals are due on November 10 for sessions ranging between 30-45 minutes.

Interested in creating a session that examines what advice AI gives on financial literacy and personal finance resources compared to best practices? If so, contact elm43@psu.edu.

****Share your programming in a webinar/virtual meeting**

What are you doing to support financial literacy at your library? Would you like to share it with other librarians? Our FLIG members are always seeking out new programming ideas, resources to use, and how to handle patron financial literacy questions. If you would like to share your expertise in a formal (webinar) or informal (FLIG virtual meeting) session, please [email me](#) and we can discuss opportunities. Presentations always look great on your resume!

Looking for FLIG co-leaders

Would you like to get more involved in FLIG and help to plan webinars, conference events, or other activities? Please email elm43@psu.edu if you are interested.

Library Services for the Justice-Involved resources posted on the listserv

Listserv address: prison-l@cvl-lists.org.

We'd like to point folks who are looking for resources towards the new [Libraries and Incarceration: Resources for Librarians research guide](#) if you have not yet seen it, as well as to the [new training series from the Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People Initiative](#).

Two New 988 Lifeline Videos for You to Use and Share

Check out two new videos that promote the 988 Lifeline called **Impact of the 988 Lifeline** and **You Matter PSA**, from the [988 Partner Toolkit](#)! Share these videos on your social media channels to help raise awareness of the 988 Lifeline and the importance of reaching out.

Resources from [Zero to Three](#)

During these challenging times, we have free resources for parents and caregivers, and professionals who support them, that offer guidance on helping young children grieve and process traumatic experiences, enabling them to provide the best care for babies and themselves in times of war and turmoil, including:

- [A Big Impact on Little Kids: Understanding How Traumatic Experiences Affect Very Young Children](#)
- [How to Talk to Young Children About War](#) (*available in Arabic and Hebrew*)
- [Little Listeners in an Uncertain World](#)
- [Helping Toddlers Cope with Grief and Death](#)
- [Mindfulness and Self Care: Building a Resilient Community and Culture of Caring](#)
- [Children's Book: *Once I Was Very Very Scared* by Chandra Gosh Ippen](#). Available in the following languages:
 - [American Sign Language](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [German](#)
 - [Norwegian](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Swedish](#)
 - [Turkish](#)
 - [Vietnamese](#)

We are working to translate these resources listed into additional languages and will make them available on zerotothree.org.

Kentucky Humanities Council's Chautauqua and Kentucky Reads programs

<https://www.kyhumanities.org/>

Chautauqua

Our Chautauqua performers travel to schools and community organizations throughout the state delivering historically accurate dramatizations of Kentuckians who made valuable contributions.

[Kentucky Reads](#) (check back for the 2024 Kentucky Reads book announcement and application process)

Supporting Youth and Families During Crisis initiative

Hello everyone,

Would you like to build community relationships? Do you want to be ready for crises that may affect youth and families in your community? If so, you'll want to consider participating in the University of Maryland led Ready Now: Supporting Youth and Families During Crisis initiative.

Ready Now expands on work that took place in 2020 during the height of the pandemic and led to the publication of [Library Staff as Public Servants: A Field Guide for Preparing to Serve Communities in Times of Crisis](#) (fondly known as The Field Guide). The Field Guide outlines four Essential Tasks that libraries and their staff need to embrace to serve historically marginalized youth and families successfully.

The Ready Now project team is now recruiting library staff from across the United States to join in on the IMLS-funded next phase of the initiative. Participating library staff will benefit from the opportunity to:

- Build strategies for working with community partners in support of historically marginalized youth and families
- Gain knowledge of how to prepare, with community partners, for crisis situations
- Attend a series of participatory design training sessions to gain skills in community engagement, co-creation, iteration, and re-imagining systems and structures,
- Design materials for use by others across the US working to serve their communities during emergencies

Staff from five libraries across the United States will be selected to work with their state library agency to participate in year one of this initiative. A \$2000 stipend to use in support of learning about community and building crisis related services will be provided for selected libraries.

Project activities for selected library staff begins in January of 2024.

Learn more by [registering for our information session](#) on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 3PM Eastern**

If you have any questions, contact the Ready Now team at: readynow@umd.edu and visit our [website](#) to learn more about us.

News

[All the Public Libraries Offering Free Access to Banned Books: A Comprehensive Guide](#) (Book Riot)

[Creating Accessible Programming Spaces](#) (Programming Librarian, October 10)

[Digital skills content and curriculum: a recap](#) (U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult

Education) *Also check out the DRAW (Digital Resilience in the American Workforce) site:

<https://edtech.worlded.org/digital-resilience-in-the-american-workforce/>

[Help Shape the Future of Black History Month Programming in Public Libraries](#) (Programming Librarian, October 16)

[How Bogotá cares for its family caregivers: From dance classes to job training](#) (NPR, October 16)

[Mental Health Resources for Libraries](#) (OCLC's WebJunction, October 10)

[Reading Between the Bars](#) (PEN America, October)

[REFORMA and the ALA Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table announce formal collaboration](#) (ALA, October 12)

Webinars

*Please note that there is a fee associated with some of these trainings.

[Creating Fundable Grant Proposals in Libraries \(without harming yourself or others in the process\)](#)

(LibraryWorks)

November 2, 2:00pm, ET; \$49.00

Discussion on Israel and Palestine War (American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table)

Current World Events Discussion Series

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 2-3 p.m. E.S.T.; Free

Open to library staff and their patrons! Organized and facilitated by the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table's Programming Committee

Zoom, [Register Here](#) to attend

The world has been shocked by the October 7, 2023 massacre of 1,400 mostly Israeli civilians by Hamas, and the subsequent renewed Israeli bombing of Gaza which has led to the death of over 7,000 mostly Palestinian civilians and an intensified blockade that deprives Gaza's population of food, water, fuel and electricity. This carnage has once again brought the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the fore. What are the roots of this conflict? What is the state of Palestinians in Israel and in the occupied territories? What efforts have been made toward promoting the idea of an independent Palestinian state side by side with Israel, or a binational state of Palestinians and Jews? What have been the barriers to these possible solutions? What are some immediate and long-term solutions to this conflict? What are the regional and global ramifications of this conflict?

To learn more and to prepare for this important discussion please go to:

[Current World Events Discussion Series for Library Staff & Community Members | Round Tables \(ala.org\)](#)

[Wellness in the Library Workplace \(November 2023\)](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

November 6, 2023 - November 26, 2023

Summary: Join us for this 2-week, 4 credit-hour online class to discover ways to improve your own personal well-being and create a healthy workplace. We will discuss ways to increase overall wellness for all staff in libraries so that we have happy, healthy, and safe work environments.

[Health Insurance Literacy in Libraries](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

November 8, 2023

Summary: Many people have difficulty knowing how to find a physician, fill a prescription, use and pay for medications, and use health information to make informed decisions about their health. Libraries are prominent places in communities, making libraries and librarians excellent resources for advancing health information literacy.

[CFPB Fin Ex Paying for College Webinar](#) (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau)

November 8; 2:00pm, ET; Free

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will be joined by the U.S. Department of Education to explore paying for college and to share resources to help students, mentors, and educators. Join us to learn about resources that can help students and families navigate the process of preparing and paying for college and managing student loan debt.

AI, Ethics, and Libraries (Library Freedom Project)

November 8; 7PM EST (free)

[Link to Register](#)

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[Conducting a Diversity Audit](#) (SWON)

November 9, 2:00pm; Fee associated with this.

Are you interested in conducting a diversity audit of your collection but are unsure of the process? Then this webinar can help! Sarah Geisler, Collection Services Librarian at the Campbell County Public Library, conducted a diversity audit of her system's young adult fiction collection. This webinar will cover the reasons for doing a diversity audit, the steps involved in the process, and tips for a thorough and informative audit.

Core Library Leaders and Managers Interest Group discussion sessions

The American Library Association has an interest group for library leaders and managers (Core Library Leaders and Managers Interest Group), and they meet regularly. During the November meeting the discussion is scheduled to be about artificial intelligence, and one person has shared some resources related to generative artificial intelligence that may be of interest to you all.

<https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsf-uvrDktHNM28gOcPZywJKXPM3ADRKE#/registration>

November 8, 2023: Artificial Intelligence

December 13, 2023: Neurodiversity in libraries

Leading up to our discussion on generative AI on November 8, I thought it might be helpful to share some information that you can explore before we meet if you have the time and inclination. For those that are less familiar with generative AI, try to explore one or more of the following tools over the next couple of weeks so you have more to discuss about generative AI and how it might affect libraries and library leadership and management. I've listed 2-3 AI for chatbots, research, and art.

AI Chatbots

[Bard](#)

[ChatGPT](#)

Research AI

[Elicit: The AI Research Assistant](#)

[Research Rabbit](#)

Art AI

[DALL·E 2](#)

[Midjourney](#)

[Night Cafe](#)

Breanne Kirsch

University Librarian

Briar Cliff University

She/Her/Hers

[Bridging the Digital Divide: Telehealth's Double-edged Sword](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)
December 5, 2023; Free

Summary: In order to achieve more equitable telehealth, leaders in health care and communities must address a person's: (1) digital fluency, the ability to use digital tools efficiently and effectively, and (2) the capacity for health advocacy or a person's ability to advocate for their own health needs. Community leaders have the capacity to work towards solving these divides.

[Region 1 Unconference: Engaging Communities with Health Information \(Day 1\)](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

December 5, 2023; Free

Summary: The NNLM engages with communities to raise awareness of trusted, high-quality, and relevant information and develop strategies to improve health literacy, data literacy, and understand and actively engage in medical research. At this unconference, we want to hear how you are engaging with your users.

[Region 1 Unconference: Bridging the Digital Divide \(Day 2\)](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

December 6, 2023; Free

Summary: Issues such as decreased internet connectivity, lack of Wi-Fi, and video chat or webcam technology in both urban and rural areas can hinder access to online health and medical information, and telehealth to its fullest capacity, especially to communities of color, the poor, and medically underserved. The goal of this initiative is to promote technology and digital equity, digital literacy, and telehealth through long-term partnerships and collaborations that will bring access to online health information to communities across the United States. At this unconference, we want to hear how you are engaging with your users.

[Region 1 Unconference: Environmental Determinants of Health \(Day 3\)](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

Date(s): December 7, 2023

Summary: Environmental factors can influence human health, including physical, chemical, and biological factors that are external to a person, and all related behaviors. Collectively, these are referred to as environmental determinants of health (EDHs). Threats to any one of the EDHs can have an adverse impact on the health and well-being of the population. At this unconference, we want to hear how you are engaging with your users.

Previously recorded webinar

Patrons with Legal Questions: An Introduction to the KY Court of Justice's Self-Help Portal

<https://youtu.be/HWHERx-hN9Q?si=Bul--es2U1abKYGK>

Grants/Scholarships

[Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the third round of the [Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia](#). Two \$2,500 grants are available for libraries that are planning new services/programming for their patrons living with dementia. Just complete the simple [application form](#) and submit it by Feb. 23, 2024. You do not need to be a member of the American Library Association or the RUSA subdivision to apply.

[PLA expands its 2024 Conference Scholarship opportunities](#)

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