

Hello,

I hope that you all are doing well and that you had a safe Thanksgiving holiday.

We had a good discussion at the November Adult and Outreach Services meeting. We talked about programming for adults with special needs, how to handle grief when patrons pass away, and additional programming ideas. Thank you to those who attended the meeting and asked questions. I also want to thank the library staff who shared their programming ideas for working with adults with special needs. Thank you all!

The November Adult and Outreach Services meeting notes can be accessed at the following link, and I am waiting for additional resources to share with you all.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TfstCrueHKtpsm4fY4DZ540LMYpf55Jm/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103725366271996782648&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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## Programming



### [Parent Café](#) Second and Fourth Saturday of Each Month

Next meeting is December 14

10-12 am ET / 9-11 CT

Virtual – no babysitting needed

Parent Cafés are a safe, welcoming, and inviting environment for caregivers to build connections through conversations and develop relationships.

Parent Cafés are **FREE** parent-led get-togethers that encourage parents/caregivers to openly talk about the challenges of caring for a child(ren) and share ways to strengthen their families. This is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to learn from each other in a fun and supportive atmosphere. In the Parent Café model, a parent is defined as any adult providing care for a child.

In an effort to provide a resource for dads, KPFC has launched a podcast, ***Not Stopping for Directions***, hosted by Michael Karman.

If you have a comment, suggestion, or think you are, or know, a good guest please reach out via email to [dads@kypartnership.org](mailto:dads@kypartnership.org).



### **ALA, Writers Guild Initiative Announce Creative Writing Workshops for Librarians**

<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/11/ala-writers-guild-initiative-announce-creative-writing-workshops-librarians>

**Friendship knows no bounds. Connections can be made with anyone and at any age.** A nonprofit organization named Dorot, which is Hebrew for the word "generations," harnesses this sentiment with its mission. For decades it has worked to [pair older people and younger people together](#) to benefit both. (NPR, November 14)

### **Kentucky Resident Drug Overdose and Related Comorbidity County Profiles**

[Drug Overdose and Related Comorbidities County Profiles - 2024 | Tableau Public](#)

[Interactive KY drug overdose map helps tailor response | Lexington Herald Leader](#) (news article about the drug overdose map)

### **National Family Caregivers Month (SAMHSA)**

<https://www.samhsa.gov/blog/national-family-caregivers-month>

### **New Collaboration: Exploring Workplace Experiences of BIPOC First-Generation Professionals in Library and Information Science** (Library Journal's Info Docket, November 24, 2024)

<https://www.infodocket.com/2024/11/24/new-collaboration-exploring-workplace-experiences-of-bipoc-first-generation-professionals-in-library-and-information-science/>

### **Working with Immigrants and New Americans**

[Serving New Neighbors Resources for embracing immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers](#) (American Libraries, November 1)

[November 2024 Policy and Media Digest \(without flyer\).pdf](#) (Libraries, Integration, and New Americans, November newsletter)

## **Grants**

### **Public libraries and immigrants grant**

I received this information about the [Department of Justice Recognition & Accreditation Program](#) and wanted to pass it along to you in case you're interested in your public library becoming a recognized organization and having a staff member become accredited so that they may help **families** in their immigration journey.


USCIS has a grant program called [The Citizenship and Integration Grant Program \(CINAS and CITA grants\) that you can learn about here](#) and you may direct questions about that program to [CitizenshipGrantProgram@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:CitizenshipGrantProgram@uscis.dhs.gov). Public Libraries are eligible.

### **Peggy Barber Tribute Grant**

The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant provides \$2,500 to three libraries with limited programming budgets. Libraries are invited to submit applications for programming related to combatting isolation for older adults. Applications close February 3, 2025. [Apply Now: Peggy Barber Tribute Grant | Programming Librarian](#)

## **Webinars**

For those who work with Internationals and/or New Americans, the following webinars could be helpful for you or your patrons.



### **Free public webinars by local USCIS Representatives**

**Overview of Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver, Form I-601A**  
Thursday, December 5, 2024, 5-6:30 pm PDT  
Link: <https://uscis.webex.com/uscis/j.php?MTID=mf1f972cbd6c6e12bb7714bef62d235bb>  
Webinar number (access code): 2825 474 3880  
Webinar password: sP9SmaVpy\*53 (77976287 when dialing from a phone or video system)

**How to Petition Relatives**  
Thursday, December 12, 2024, 5-6:30 pm PDT  
Link: <https://uscis.webex.com/uscis/j.php?MTID=m072347aed47330de99c054b5c68cc9c0>  
Webinar number (access code): 2819 030 4843  
Webinar password: 33JpUdXiZE\*3 (33578394 when dialing from a phone or video system)

**How to Become a U.S. Citizen**  
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 5-6:30 pm PDT  
Link: <https://uscis.webex.com/uscis/j.php?MTID=m70671dbb9731a9d7e806af761e79aca5>  
Webinar number: 2821 205 5564  
Webinar password: RppMMPcN@235 (77766726 when dialing from a phone or video system)

**Overview of Asylum**  
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 5-6:30 pm PDT  
Link: <https://uscis.webex.com/uscis/j.php?MTID=mcb611ef96c3644e47c71980c86a35738>  
Webinar number (access code): 2828 075 8046  
Webinar password: K36d7YNuKHl\$ (53637968 when dialing from a phone or video system)

### **Digital Inclusion Bytes: Insights and Resources – Professional Development for Digital Inclusion Practitioners** (National Digital Inclusion Alliance)

\*The following information is about credentials and training related to digital inclusion. There is a cost associated with many of the trainings listed.

Explore training formats that cover:

- Frontline service delivery
- Digital inclusion program design

- Community assessment and partnership development
- Budgeting, policy, and evaluation skills

This blog, written by David Keyes, Advisor, NDIA, is part of our new series: Digital Inclusion Bytes: Insights and Resources. [Digital Inclusion Bytes: Insights and Resources - Professional Development for Digital Inclusion Practitioners - National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#)

Let me know if you have any questions, and I hope you have a good week.

Sincerely,  
Hilary