

Please see below for upcoming training opportunities, outreach possibilities, and resources to share with your patrons.

## **2026 All In for Ag Education Weeks**

I have heard from Bethany Mattingly at the Department of Agriculture the dates for the 2026 All In for Ag Education Weeks, and here is a [link to the 2025 Ag Education Week page](#) if you are interested in knowing more about this initiative.

2026 All In for Ag Education Weeks—mark your calendars for March 16–20 and September 21–25, 2026.

I do not have any other details at this time, but I will plan to share any updates as soon as I can.

## **Kynectors and kynect**

- Megan Snow at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services plans to offer a webinar for KDLA about kynectors (yep, it's lowercase on purpose) in January 2026. kynectors can assist with SNAP applications. In the meantime, I want to share the attachment, "What are kynectors and how do I start," with you in case you are interested in learning more about the program.
- The kynectors program is different from [kynect resources](#), which Savannah Sublette presented on at the 2025 KDLA Programming Conference, but both are related. Here is more information about kynect.
  - There is now a FREE online directory of programs, services, and supports across Kentucky. The kynect resources web site provides information on different types of resources available that includes employment, mental health and addiction, legal, housing, and food. Below is the kynect resource directory link. Please feel free to share this link with your colleagues and patrons. [Kentucky Community Resources | kynect](#)

Related news--

[Humana Foundation releases brief on senior Kentuckians and food insecurity | News | kentuckytoday.com](#) and

[Senior Food Insecurity in Kentucky: A Growing Public Health Challenge](#) (link to full report referenced in the above article.)

### **American Red Cross programs**

Troy Snyder is a Volunteer with the American Red Cross, and he recently shared the following resources with me.

\*See the attached documents

- Resiliency Program for Veterans and their families
- American Red Cross programs for restoring family links

If you are interested in learning more about either of these programs, you may contact Troy Snyder.

### **Troy Snyder**

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### **SWON opportunities**



**SWON Virtual Networking:**

Adult Library Programmers

Wednesday December 3rd

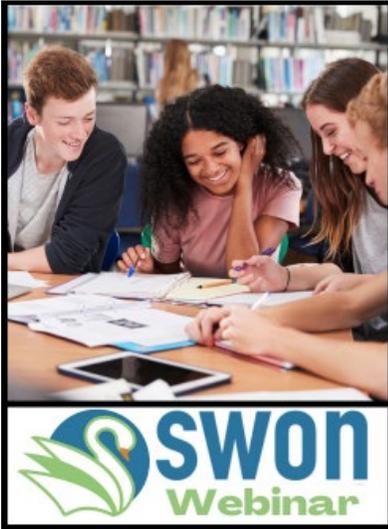
2:00 pm EST

Network, brainstorm, and get new ideas from fellow adult programmers across the region at this free, virtual community meeting!

[Learn More and Register](#)

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**More Upcoming Events**



**SWON Webinar:**

Supporting Vulnerable Populations in  
Challenging Times

Tuesday, December 9th

2:00 pm EST

Recent legislation has resulted in many communities feeling on edge and left us unsure how we can provide support. Specifically, several recent bills have targeted members of the LGBTQ+ community and limited their access to books and curricular resources in schools and universities. This workshop will seek to provide clarity by breaking down recent policies and exploring how libraries can respond to this moment. We will also provide tools on how to lead with intentionality and be culturally responsive to all the communities we seek to serve.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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**SWON Event:**

Summer Planning Conference

Thursday, January 15th

9:30 am - 4:30 pm EST

The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati

4015 Red Bank Rd

Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Now back for its fifth year, SWON's Summer Planning Conference is an all-day, in-person conference featuring more than a dozen breakout sessions with creative ideas to help you plan Summer Reading and other programs for **Children, Teens, Adults, and all-ages!**

There will also be an interactive Vendor Hall filled with performers, presenters, and educational organizations available for you to book your Summer Events!

[Learn More and Register](#)

**We're still accepting proposals for sessions, especially for teens and adults!** Sessions can be on the collaborative theme of "Unearth a Story," the iRead theme of "Plant a Seed, Read," or any great Summer programming ideas regardless of theme! If interested, learn more and fill out this brief form: <https://forms.gle/xmc5sMvK3eErSar59>

***Speakers attend the whole conference for free!***

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Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the resources I have shared, and I will do my best to assist you.

I hope you have a good, safe week and a Happy Thanksgiving.