

Hello,

I hope you all are well.

KDLA has webpages for [Adult Services](#) and [Workforce Development](#)

These webpages contain weblinks to organizations and services that may help you as you serve your library's patrons.

Some highlights from these pages include:

- [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Resources for Libraries](#)
- [DigitalLearn](#)
- [Futuriti](#)
- [Kentucky Center for Statistics-Career Explorer tool](#)
- [Kentucky Educational Television \(KET\)](#)
 - [FastForward](#)
 - [Workplace Essential Skills](#)
- [RA \(Readers Advisory\) for All](#)

Additional Resources

- [9 Tips for Staying Organized from Busy Programming Librarians](#) (Programming Librarian, February 12)
- The organization [Dementia Friendly America](#) recently shared information about phrases and ideas related to language surrounding those with dementia. I have attached the information they provided to this email.

I Partner with My Public Library Awards

Does your library do great things with community partners? Get ready to share your story in the Fourth Annual I Partner with My Public Library Awards. **The call for nominations opens June 1, 2026.**

Also check out the launch of the new "[Stories of Partnerships](#)" webpage. Over the last three years, we have received so many amazing nominations, but we're only able to award 10 partners a year. This new Stories of Partnerships webpage serves to showcase many of the

other amazing stories we've received over the years. Check back for more stories to be added throughout 2026, and beyond.

How Are We Serving Emerging Adults

March 10, 2026; 2pm, ET / 1pm, CT; Free

[Registration link](#)

Hosted by LibsWork, a group of library professionals interested in workforce development and libraries.

Presenters: Carrie Sanders, Youth Services Coordinator, Maryland State Library Agency; Nini Beegan, Organizational Learning & Innovation Coordinator, Maryland State Library Agency; Heather Jackson, Area Director, Prince George's Memorial Library System (MD); Alli Jessing, Head of Adult Curriculum, Howard County Library System (MD)

The needs and interests of Emerging Adults (EAs), ages 18-28, are often missed in library services as they "graduate" from traditional library youth services but don't quite fit neatly into traditional adult programming. During these key transitional years, emerging adults are experiencing challenges and decision-making involving education and employment to housing security and new relationships to finances, health-care and more. Carrie and Nini will provide the historical context that led to the Maryland State Library Agency hosting an Emerging Adults Summit in Spring 2025 as well as some strategic information for libraries considering library services for this target population. Heather Jackson and Alli Jessing, Maryland public library practitioners, will highlight work their library systems are offering for emerging adults.

Monthly Birds of a Feather discussion (Let's Move in Libraries)

Join us **March 18, 2026, at 12 pm Eastern** for the next installment in this series of inspiring, engaging, open and lively conversations.

What is a Birds of a Feather conversation? It's an opportunity for individuals with shared interests to gather together (*birds of a feather flock together*) to share resources, inspire one another, and generally build community. These events are **never** recorded so that all participants can share freely. [Join us!](#)

Here are some upcoming training opportunities to share with you all.

Webinars & Trainings

[Addressing Food Insecurity for People Living Alone with Dementia](#)

March 17, 2026; 2:00pm, ET / 1:00pm, CT; Free

This webinar will provide insight into an innovative, volunteer-based food delivery model created to better support seniors living alone with dementia. Participants will learn about common barriers to food-based services experienced by individuals living alone with dementia, the key components of an effective food delivery service model for people living alone with dementia, and program evaluation best practices for measuring the impact of services for this population.

Food as Medicine Virtual Program

We invite public libraries to join a free [Food as Medicine Virtual Program](#) (information session) focused on Blood Pressure Maintenance. In this 1.5-hour program, ConnectWell will introduce you to the format of ConnectWell's Food as Medicine Program and deliver the program to you as a participant. Afterwards, you will receive facilitation and marketing materials enabling you to easily deliver the program at your library.

- **Date and Time of Informational Session:** **Tuesday March 24, 2026: 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT /**

If you are unable to attend the 1.5-hour session live, you will be sent the program recording and follow-up materials enabling you to deliver it at your library. You can note that on the sign-up form. [Click here to register.](#)

You can also reach out directly to [Andrea Bloom](#), Founder & CEO **ConnectWell**. Learn more at the [Join The ConnectWell Challenge](#) webpage!

Library Journal's Day of Dialog

[Register](#)

Join us **May 7** for our **Library Journal Day of Dialog** virtual event! Spanning a variety of genres, this day-long program will offer an in-depth look at the biggest forthcoming books for summer/fall 2026. You'll hear directly from top authors as they discuss their new titles, inspiration, process, and more.

Let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to help you.

Sincerely,
Hilary