

Morning,

I hope you all stay safe today. Please see below for notes from the February 2026 Adult and Outreach Services virtual meeting, articles and programming ideas, and several upcoming webinars and trainings. Let me know if you have any questions about anything I have shared, and I will do my best to help.

Programming and resources

- [Notes from our February 2026 Adult and Outreach Services virtual meeting](#)
- [No Reading Required: A Library Looks at Things a New Way](#) (accessibility) and [Benicia Public Library – No Reading Required](#) website
- [Around the World in 49 Days](#) (Programming Librarian, February 2)

Scholarship opportunity

Here is a [scholarship opportunity](#) that may benefit your high school seniors.

The Kentucky Chapter of Women in Rural Electrification (W.I.R.E) is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to Kentucky college students.

The scholarships are open to any applicant who meets the following criteria:

- Student or Student's family must be served by a Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative. (here's a [link](#) to the maps)
- Student must have completed one semester in college and have at least 60 credit hours by the end of the 2026 spring college term. Students must be in good standing at the time of the award.
- Student must attend a Kentucky college or university.

The deadline to apply is **JUNE 5, 2026**. Scholarship recipients will be notified in July.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievements, extracurricular activities, career goals, recommendations from professors and community leaders, and financial need.

Application should be returned **by mail** to: Mallory Wafzig, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, P.O. Box 32170, Louisville, KY 40232.

Library Services for Patrons with Dementia and Alzheimer's-virtual meeting

Please join LSDA for its Spring 2026 General Membership Zoom Meeting on March 19 at 1:00 pm CT. We will have a full agenda including an analysis of the nationwide survey that was conducted in 2024. We'll outline a number of upcoming activities and describe ways that you can get involved. Time will be set aside for you to ask questions and report on any recent activities that you have developed in your libraries.

When: Mar 19, 2026; 1:00pm, CT / 2:00pm, ET

Register in advance for this meeting:

ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/...

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This is an open meeting for anyone interested in serving their patrons living with dementia. You do not need to be a member of ALA to attend.

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Articles

Fayette County Legal Help Center marks four years of service, thousands assisted (Kentucky.gov, March 2)

Good for Business (American Libraries, March 2)

Webinars / trainings

Adult Programming but Make It Creepy (SWON webinar)

Thursday, March 26th; 2:00 pm EST

[Register](#)

You don't have to wait until October to do spooky programming. We will explore how adult services can tap into horror, folklore, paranormal, and the macabre to build fun programs, community partnerships, increased attendance, and repeat engagement. Drawing from tried and tested programs such as cemetery walks, horror book club, haunted libraries, cryptid talks, death cafes, and more, this session will share practical ideas for creepy programming that is respectful, inclusive, and budget conscious. Attendees will leave with ideas they can use year round. Join us to lean into curiosity, storytelling, and research with a focus on the fascination of the strange and unusual.

This presentation was originally scheduled as a breakout session at the 2026 Summer Planning Conference but had to be canceled. If you were registered for the conference, you can attend this webinar for free. Check your email or the Summer Planning workspace for a promo code.

Organizations that Promote Literacy Across the Globe: Announcing a Literacy Awards Webinar Series | Teaching with the Library (Library of Congress)

On September 8, 2025, International Literacy Day, the Library of Congress [announced](#) the 2025 Literacy Awards Winners and Honorees. Twenty-four non-profit organizations across the globe were recognized for their innovative work in promoting literacy.

To celebrate and showcase their work, we are happy to announce the Literacy Awards webinar series. Between April 2026 and July 2026, educators, librarians, literacy professionals, researchers, and members of the general public are invited to attend six webinars showcasing different aspects of the [2025 Literacy Awards Winners and Honorees](#). Visit this site to register for one of the webinars: [Organizations that Promote Literacy Across the Globe: Announcing a Literacy Awards Webinar Series | Teaching with the Library](#)



Their Truth: A Documentary Screening Experience

The **University of Kentucky College of Social Work**, in partnership with the **Department for Community Based Services**, is preparing a powerful event coming this spring.

We are bringing together a nationwide audience for a film screening of "Their Truth," a documentary focused on youth aging out of foster care. It shares a story of resilience and growth while highlighting the importance of support systems that help young people build successful futures. This experience will include:

- A special virtual and in-person film screening
- A live panel discussion with child welfare leaders and the documentary cast

- Opportunities to connect with child welfare professionals and community organizations

Mark your calendar for **April 30, 2026** and stay tuned for the official announcement coming soon.

Join the early interest list to receive first access to event registration. Using the link below, sign up for the "Their Truth" Documentary Screening subscription.

[Sign up here.](#) If you have any questions, please email ukcosw@uky.edu. Together, we can strengthen awareness and support for Kentucky's children and families.

From Idea to Lockbox: A Practical Guide to Library Escape Rooms (SWON workshop)

[Register](#); There is a cost associated with this event.

Thursday, April 30th

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Deer Park Branch Library, CHPL
4020 E Galbraith Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Escape rooms aren't just for entertainment venues—they're powerful tools for engagement, learning, and community building in libraries of all types. In this hands-on workshop, learn how to design, plan, and host immersive escape room experiences tailored to your communities.

Participants will explore the fundamentals of escape room design and logistics, including theme development, puzzle creation, flow control, and adapting escape rooms for different age groups and library sizes. **Take advantage of the Early Bird Rate until April 1st!**

How to Incorporate Spanish-Language Content into Your Summer Reading Program from CSLP (archived webinar)