

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training

KDLA has arranged for the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to provide a full-day emergency planning and response workshop in March. Presenters Alyssa Magnone and Jesse Keel will teach attendees risk assessment and mitigation strategies and how to triage library collections after a disaster. In addition, attendees will practice salvage techniques with a hands-on mock disaster response scenario.

Library directors, facility managers, and other library emergency preparedness team members can attend. Attendees do not have to have participated in Ms. Magnone's presentation at the 2024 Statewide Directors' Meeting to take part in this training.

To register for this free event, visit the link listed after your preferred date and location:

- Madison County Public Library/Richmond, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (ET)
<https://kdla.wufoo.com/forms/kpvf4jk126to2p/>
- Warren County Public Library/Bob Kirby, Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (CT)
<https://kdla.wufoo.com/forms/k1hl9q5r07r4it1/>

To ensure enough supplies are available for the hands-on activity, please register by March 11. Lunch will be on your own.

UK School of Information Science Trustee Project

UK School of Information Science faculty member Dr. Shannon Barniskis has announced The Trustee Project, a three-year, IMLS-funded research project examining the experiences of public library trustees. This nationwide study is the first focused on public library trustees in over 50 years and will inform future training opportunities, resources, and tools for library trustees.

Dr. Barniskis and her colleagues invite current and former library trustees and administrators to contribute to this endeavor by completing a [30-minute survey](#). Survey responders will have the option to participate in in-depth interviews or work groups during later stages of the project.

For more information or to contact Dr. Shannon Barniskis, please visit [The Trustee Project](#) website.

Fourth Annual Statewide Job Fair Initiative

KDLA invites all public libraries to participate in the Fourth Annual Statewide Job Fair initiative during [National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025](#). Last year, 29 public, academic, and school libraries held onsite job fairs, distributed take-home job fair kits, and conducted resume preparation classes. This year, we look forward to even more libraries offering fairs and classes, creating displays, hosting speakers about entrepreneurship, or inviting Adult Education to provide an informative session about their resources.

To register a library as a participant or ask questions, please contact Hilary Witt at hilary.writt@ky.gov by **February 21, 2025**.