
Professional Development Resource Sheet

This sheet is not an exhaustive list of resources, but serves as starting point for learning more about libraries and librarianship.

GCFLearnFree.org

<https://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

This website is an excellent tool for both library staff and patrons. Topics cover professional skills, software skills, K-12 education, as well as everyday life. Some current offerings include "What is Bitcoin?", "What is the sharing economy?" and "Excel Tips." Simple, easy to use, self-paced learning, and all for free!

Hitchhiker's Professional Development Resources

<http://hitchhiker.nmstatelibrary.org/category/professional-development/>

Each month, Library Development Services Bureau staff (Carmelita) upload a calendar filled with online training opportunities. Topics target library services and administration skills. Trainers include library vendors, non-profits, and other libraries across the nation.

Library Journal

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/>

Even if you don't subscribe to the print, you can access most of Library Journal's content for free at their website. Topics are library current events, trends, and book reviews -- as told from librarians' perspectives.

Coursera

<https://www.coursera.org/>

Coursera provides universal access to the world's best education, partnering with top universities and organizations to offer courses online. Many courses are offered for free.

WebJunction

<https://www.webjunction.org/>

WebJunction builds the knowledge, skills and confidence of library staff to power strong libraries that are the heart of vibrant communities. A program of OCLC Research, WebJunction is free and welcome to all libraries to use, regardless of size, type or location.

Public Library Director 101 Series

http://www.cosla.org/content.cfm/id/public_library_director_101_series

The Public Library Director 101 Series will introduce you to the many and unique facets of public library directorship. This series of four on-demand recordings provides a broad overview that both informs and inspires.

WebJunction - Community Engagement

<http://learn.webjunction.org/course/search.php?search=cosla>

A self-paced course to learn tips for building lasting relationships within your community.

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Idaho State Library ABLE

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/able>

The Alternative Basic Library Education program offers online tutorials for free that cover all basic library related skills.

Infopeople

<https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar/archived>

These are free online workshops that include a wide range of different tools including PowerPoint presentations, handouts, worksheets, exercises, and more. There are numerous subjects including computer skills, communication skills, and more.

USC Beaufort Library Bare Bones to the Internet

<http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/pages/bones/bones.shtml>

This is one of the oldest and one of the best free online training programs that is designed for library employees. It's also produced by library staff and provides the very best information that you can find, totally for free.

Library of Congress Catalogers Learning Workshop

<http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/>

The Library of Congress has several free classes that will train you on how to organize and classify bibliographic information.

TechSoup For Libraries

<http://www.techsoupforlibraries.org/>

TechSoup has the products you need to maximize your technology services to your community. Whether you're looking to upgrade your public access computers, seeking new software, or looking for a way to keep your technology secure, TechSoup's [library technology donations](#) can help you make it happen.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars-on-demand>

Free, on demand webinars available to non-YALSA members on a variety of topics relating to teens and teen services.

Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC)

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/elearning/live-webinars>

Free, live webinars (archived webinars are available for a fee) on children and children's services.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/>

Search "library training videos" for multitudinous choices!
