

April 2024

Gale Webinar: Gale 101- Gale In Context: High School

April 4, 2024 1:00-1:30 CST

Join us for a webinar designed specifically for beginners to explore Gale In Context: High School. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the platform's cross-curricular content, features, and functionality, to equip you with the necessary skills to navigate and utilize its vast resources effectively.

Registration: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/6517090612919/WN_y0P6hc1USTmbZSAeATnL1A

Niche Academy Webinar: Forget Hogwarts: Bringing Coding to your Library Doesn't Have to Be Wizardry

April 10, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific)

Too many libraries feel intimidated and overwhelmed when it comes to offering computer programming (coding) education to your patrons. In this webinar Luke Miller teaches the skills you need to run a coding program, even if you don't know how to code! Come to learn the model being used in thousands of library coding programs around the world and walk away with a free resource kit to empower any library to start its own coding program.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/forget-hogwarts-bringing-coding-to-your-library-doesnt-have-to-be-wizardry>

WebJunction Webinar: Navigating the Library Director Hiring Process: A Guide for Trustees and Boards.

April 16, 2024 2:00 PM -3:00 PM CST

Hiring a new library director is the single most important decision of the library board. Finding and retaining a good library director is vital to creating excellent library service for your community. This presentation will provide you with step-by-step instructions for this significant hiring process. From forming a committee to board approval, we'll navigate each crucial step together. Gain invaluable insights on job descriptions, reviewing applications, and conducting interviews. You will learn how avoid common pitfalls and ensure a seamless transition to a new director. Empower your board to make informed decisions and secure the visionary leadership your library deserves.

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/library-director-hiring-process.html>

Niche Academy Webinar: Engaging Talent from Day One: How to Welcome New Staff, Foster Relationships and Build Culture in an Organization

April 17, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific)

Attendees will learn how to create an effective onboarding process that will engage new hires before their first day. We'll uncover the steps to maximizing employee potential through a supportive process that builds relationships and caters to each employee's needs and skills.

Together we'll learn the essential components of onboarding and how they work to support staff, reduce turnover, and result in increased productivity and value for your organization.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/engaging-talent-from-day-one>

North Dakota State Library Virtual Conference: Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Service

April 18, 2024, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – April 19, 2024, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The world is changing before our very eyes. Artificial intelligence, a reevaluation of traditional services we offer in our libraries and changing demographics in our communities are just a few examples of the changes taking place. To meet these changes, librarians must develop the knowledge and skills today to meet those changes we face tomorrow. Please join us for this virtual conference where we will learn today's skills for tomorrow's services.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/8008eb11-4821-4dbf-94fb-a500fab840cd@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

North Dakota State Library Webinar: Writing SMART Goals

April 23, 2024 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

Goal writing can be a daunting task. By using the SMART Goals parameters, you can not only ensure that the goals are attainable within the time frame, but also help clarify your goals, focus your efforts to meeting your goals, and use your time and resources productively. Join Mary Soucie for an overview of the SMART goals framework and how you can apply this method to write goals for Library Vision grants and other grant opportunities.

Registration: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/48cb08a6-c0c4-4ace-b472-36e88e940402@2dea0464-da51-4a88-bae2-b3db94bc0c54>

Niche Academy Webinar: Generation Z and Academic Libraries

April 24, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST (2:00 pm US Eastern, 11:00 am US Pacific)

This generation of students and library workers is purpose-driven with a global mindset. They are the first generation to grow up without a memory of a time before the internet. In this generational snapshot, Hilary A. Craiglow and Stephanie Morgan will put this dynamic age group in context to help librarians understand the experiences and perspectives of our Gen Z students and team members. They will offer suggestions for meeting this generation where they are in our mutual learning and work.

Registration: <https://www.nicheacademy.com/generation-z-and-academic-libraries>

Gale Webinar: Build Better Lessons: Best Practices for Incorporating Gale Content Into Your Classroom

April 25, 2024 1:00-1:30 CST

Your Gale resources provide you with extensive collections of diverse content including reference articles, videos, news reports, primary sources, and more. In this session we will explore best practices in creating activities and lesson plans utilizing your collection. In addition, we will review pre-made materials available to you on the Gale Support Site.

Whether you are a seasoned educator or new to using Gale content, this webinar will provide you with valuable insights and strategies to build better lessons and create an enriching learning experience for your students.

Registration: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/4517090617353/WN_NRHsmUBRQEmvZV_9fc5Z3w

WebJunction Webinar: Leadership Strategies for Building Connection and Defusing Difficult Situations.

April 30, 2024 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

As library staff, our collective morale and goodwill are often eroded by a tidal wave of factors including book challenges, budget constraints, staffing shortages, toxic online discourse, and an increasingly divided culture. In times like these, searching for common ground might sound naïve or idealistic, but intentionally cultivating these mindsets can have a profound effect on your organizational culture, communication, problem-solving, and mental health. This webinar introduces skills grounded in the

“Good Inside” approach, and will cover practical strategies to develop empathetic, curiosity-led leadership that assumes good intent in moments of conflict and stress, along with actionable communication skills for connection and cooperation.

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/leadership-strategies.html>