

Free Library Related Webinars for December 2013

The webinars listed below are available to library staff at no cost. *If you need further information about a program, please check with the organization offering the event. (All events are listed here in Eastern Time. When you link to an event you may see times listed in the time zone for the organization providing the event. Please read carefully.)*

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Michigan specific training sessions for MeL resources from Gale can be found here:

Gale MeL Resources Training Schedule <http://tinyurl.com/galedecember> 
Civic Technologies Training Schedule http://www.civictchnologies.com/mel_training/#!

Additional MeL and MeLCat sessions are noted with the MeL logo.

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Dec. 10: Conservation Assessment Program - Learn More

Dec. 12: Preservation Best Practices: Collections Care: Handling, Access, Storage, and Exhibition

Dec. 12: Spring 2014 Librarian Preview

Dec. 17: To Bake or Not to Bake: Library Cake Pan Collection

Dec. 19: Preservation Best Practices: Planning and Prioritizing: Tools for Success

DATABASES & eRESOURCES

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Dec. 17: Business Decision Overview for Michigan eLibrary Partners

For additional MeL resources see the MeL & MeLCat section of the list.

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December 2 (11 am-12pm)

LibraryBiz Connect Meet-up (LibraryBiz Connect)

Attention: Public Librarians Connecting with Local Businesses: The first Monday of the month is approaching. Set your schedule for the next LibraryBiz Connect meet-up: at 11:am (EST) on December 2. We will host the second teleconference. To join your fellow librarians and business support nonprofits, RSVP to librarybizconnect@gmail.com. Include contact information and any (professional) problems, concerns and/or successes that you would like to address during the teleconference. The items will be added to the meeting agenda. Agendas and access information will be provided to you beforehand via the contact information supplied.

December 2 (2-3 pm)

Cool new productivity tech tools (InSync Training)

Join us for a tour of some old-time favorites and new tools useful for getting things done, from managing tasks to curating useful resources to planning travel. Content focuses on social media and other online tools.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://us.insynctraining.com/bozarth-programs/>

December 2 (8-9 pm)

3rd Annual Edutech Smackdown with Dr. Joyce Valenza (Teacher Librarian Virtual Cafe)

This year, we're bustin & branching out beyond the library walls to include ALL of the EdTech world in our rip-roaring fast-paced Smackdown Open Mic Night with Dr. Joyce Valenza hosting & with Gwyneth Jones & Librarian Tiff moderating.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://tlvirtualcafe.wikispaces.com/#Webinars%20/%20Events>

December 3 (2-3:30 pm)



Everything You Need To Be Doing As a DCB MeLCat Library (MCLS)

If your library uses the DCB server for processing MeLCat requests at your library and you are new to MeLCat processing or would just like a refresher of what to do, then this is the webinar for you. This webinar will go over what your library should be doing daily as a MeLCat DCB library. It will cover policies, the basics of lending and borrowing, reports and statistics. This webinar is specifically for DCB libraries already live on MeLCat.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://members.mcls.org/workshops/>

December 3 (12-1 pm)

Easy Readers Aren't so Easy (Washington State Library)

Easy Reader books can be confusing. How can you tell if a reader is for children just starting to read, for someone whose reading level is at the beginning of second grade, or someone who reads somewhere in between? Spokane County Library Youth Services Librarians Gwendolyn Hayley and Mary Ellen Braks will help solve these issues.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/firsttuesdays/default.aspx>

December 3 (1-2 pm)

Getting Google to Love Your Website (O'Reilly)

Get the goods on Search Engine Optimization from SEO guru and O'Reilly author Stephan Spencer in this information-packed wecast that promises both SEO fundamentals as well as advanced tricks and tactics that only the elite SEO experts know.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://oreilly.com/webcasts/>

December 3 (1-2 pm)

Getting Unstuck: Using Leadership Paradox to Execute with Confidence (Training Magazine Network)

Most of the issues that keep us up at night or prevent organizations from being successful are not problems that can be solved. Rather they are paradoxes that need to be managed. Unfortunately, most of us never learned to distinguish the two...or the methods to address the paradoxes. This program helps people learn the three questions to make the distinction and provides trainers opportunities to learn a new set of tools,

language, and skills that can become part of their toolkit to help individuals and organizations address longstanding obstacles to success. People and organizations who deal with the critical paradoxes before them are more resilient and successful over time.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.trainingmagnetnetwork.com/welcome/Webinar%20Calendar>

December 3 (2-3 pm)

Engaging and Assessing Learners with iPads (Georgia Library Association)

This session is designed to introduce a variety of applications that can be used with a single iPad or in a one-to-one environment to assess student learning. Learn new and practical ways to engage and encourage even the most reluctant students to participate in the learning process. This session will be applicable to primary school and college/university students.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: http://gla.georgialibraries.org/mediawiki/index.php/Carterette_Series_Webinars

December 3 (2-3 pm)

Surveying Patrons with the Impact Survey (TechSoup)

Please join us to learn about the newly updated and recently launched Impact Survey, a full-service online survey tool designed for public library staff to use when they want to survey their community about public access technology services at the library, and how to improve those services. The Impact Survey evolved from the 2009 IMPACT Study and Opportunity for All report and makes the complex job of surveying patrons easy, fast, and at no cost to library staff.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.techsoupforlibraries.org/events>

December 3 (3-4 pm)

Inbound Marketing & Millennial Donors: A Perfect Marriage (Nonprofit Webinars)

The Millennial Generation does not want direct mail from your nonprofit, nor do they want generic communications. To get to these early donors, 84% of which donate or want to donate online, you'll need to earn it through transformative content that effectively tells the story of your cause. In this webinar learn how to utilize inbound marketing techniques to attract Millennial donors who live on their smartphones, and to how incentivize their giving to your fundraising efforts.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nonprofitwebinars.com/webinars/>

December 3 (3-4 pm)

Listening, Literacy and the Common Core: How Audio Books Improve Reading Ability (School Library Journal)

Audiobooks are a proven literacy resource, which is why they've been used in classrooms for decades. The benefits of listening to audiobooks are many, including enhanced vocabulary, fluency and listening skills. This webinar will feature Tales2Go users and advocates, Shannon Sullivan and Katherine Orlando, who will share what Tales2Go has done to aide their instruction in and out of the classrooms.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

December 3 (3-4 pm)**Public Libraries and the Common Core Curriculum: Resources (Infopeople)**

One of the exciting aspects of the new Common Core standards is their emphasis on nonfiction, which is better than ever for young people. This gives public libraries a great opportunity to highlight their nonfiction holdings and integrate them into programming, booklists, and more. Public libraries can also be instrumental in guiding students and their parents through the maze of information about the standards and what they mean. During this webinar, participants will learn ways to improve and promote their nonfiction collections, especially in the areas of science and history. The program will review Common Core text complexity guidelines and introduce resources related to the standards.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

December 4 (11 am-12 pm)**Best New Youth Books of 2013 (Nebraska Library Commission)**

Sally Snyder; Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services at the NLC, will give brief book talks of new titles that could be good additions to your library's collection. Titles for preschool through older teens will be highlighted.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

December 4 (12-1 pm)**The 9½ Principles of Innovative Service (American Management Association)**

This webcast explores creating experiences that cause your customers to swoon, smile, and sing your praises! This process will be your spark plug for bringing energy and igniting your customers' experiences. And, it can turn bored, overworked employees into ones who are fired-up and ready-to-enthrall! It is built around 9½ principles—think of them as lenses crafted to reveal special strategies and techniques you can use to become the subject of glowing remarks via word of mouth and word of mouse.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.amanet.org/news/events-calendar.aspx>

December 4 (2-3 pm)**The Future is Now: Rural Library as Innovation Incubator (WebJunction)**

With the technology landscape constantly shape-shifting, libraries must respond as futurists to changing patron needs. Learn how to remain relevant, if not core, to your community's needs by providing the means and support for patrons to create and innovate. Rural and small libraries with limited resources can become community innovation incubators, by providing patrons access to transformative technologies and by providing space for new ideas to be explored. Beyond makerspaces to editing suites and digital learning labs, libraries are empowering and impacting their communities, now and in the future. Bring your own story of library as innovation incubator and learn from others!

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

December 4 (2-3:30 pm)

Managing Changes to Reference Services: Keeping Reference Services (and Reference Librarians) Alive in a Turbulent Environment (Reference and User Services Association)

Being a librarian isn't what it used to be, but how do you deal with and manage this shift? Libraries and the services they provide are adapting to meet the ever-changing needs of their communities. How can reference librarians embrace and lead change to keep their services relevant, while staying sane and healthy? This webinar, featuring Gail Griffith, will discuss change and transition as it relates to reference librarians and departments. Using online discussion and activities, Griffith will not only ask participants to define current reference trends and models, she will discuss how reference librarians and professionals can manage change on a personal and professional level.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.ala.org/rusa/just-ask-webinar-free>

December 4 (3-4 pm)

Financial Education Webinar for Libraries (Institute of Museum and Library Services)

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) are partnering to develop financial education tools and share best practices with the public library field. The goal of our partnership is to provide tools and materials to help libraries provide free, unbiased financial information and referrals in their communities, build local partnerships and promote libraries as community resources. The webinar will feature representatives from the CFPB, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), American Library Association and two of our local public library partners.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://blog.imls.gov/?p=4373>

December 4 (3-4 pm)

Life After Desk: Implementing the New Service Models (Infopeople)

We've all heard how progressive libraries are experimenting with new ways to deliver service. Recent years have brought news of shrinking circ desks, roving reference, virtual branches, after-hours lockers, unattended kiosks, information neighborhoods, zone staffing, imbedded librarians, and other service innovations. In this timely webinar, library consultant and futurist Joan Frye Williams will bring us up to date on how new service models are performing in a variety of settings.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

December 4 (3-4 pm)

What Is a Data-Driven Academic Library? [DDAL Pt.1] (Library Journal)

This webcast will give an overview of how academic libraries are using data to drive decisions. The presentation will touch on the terminology, tools, services, and data available to libraries and provide real world examples of how academic libraries have used data to enhance services, improve online tools, and develop collections. Sarah Tudesco will also touch on how to communicate data to various stakeholders. Attendees will depart with a number of resources to learn more including the best books, blogs, journals, Twitter handles and more to continue learning as well as maintain a solid command of the progress and practices of the data-driven academic library.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

December 4 (4-5 pm)

Preservation Management in Colorado: YOU are the First Responder Part Two (Colorado State Library)

This workshop is presented in cooperation with the Colorado State Library and funded by an IMLS Colorado Connecting to Collections grant. Two, one-hour online sessions will be held over two days. The workshop is designed to focus instruction on strategies to manage climate control and the initiation of disaster plan development.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://cslinsession.cvlites.org/>

December 5 (1-2 pm)

Achieving Thresholds for Discovery: Addressing Issues with EAD to Increase Discovery and Access Webinar (OCLC)

The recent Code4Lib Journal article "Thresholds for Discovery" reported results from an OCLC Research analysis of 120,000 Encoded Archival Description (EAD) encoded finding aids; the article also highlighted issues with current encoding practices that would inhibit access and discovery. In 2012, Princeton University's Archival Description Working Group undertook an ambitious project to upgrade their finding aids delivery system, addressing many of the issues identified in the "Thresholds" article. Join us for a joint presentation of the OCLC Research and Princeton work, and discussion on steps that institutions can take both individually and collaboratively to improve their own thresholds for discovery.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.oclc.org/research/events/webinars.html>

December 5 (2-3 pm)

Developing a Strategic Plan for Volunteer Engagement (VolunteerMatch)

Are you engaging volunteers with an eye to the future? Do you know what your volunteer program should look like in 3 or 5 years? Join us as we talk about the fundamentals for creating a strategic plan for volunteer engagement for your organizations. This webinar will include components that should be included as well as ideas for working with organization leaders to include strategic goals for volunteer engagement in your organization's overall strategic plan.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

December 5 (2-3 pm)

Making the Discovery Decision (American Libraries Live)

On the next episode of American Libraries Live, learn more about discovery services.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://americanlibrarieslive.org/>

December 5 (3-4 pm)**Preservation Best Practices: The Role of Environment in Collections Care: Temperature & RH, Lighting, and Pest Management (Infopeople)**

Understanding and having control over environmental conditions for collections is a significant factor in good stewardship. The second in this series will explain the role that temperature, relative humidity, and light have in collections care and give tips for monitoring storage and display environments. Integrated pest management will also be discussed.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

December 5 (3-4 pm)**Turn the page: Your E-book Future Done Right (Library Journal)**

It's no secret that e-books are transforming libraries daily. Polaris and 3M joined forces to build the industry's first completely integrated solution, considered to be the "gold standard" by many. Make sure to join us as we discuss the impact this technology will have on your library and patrons. We'll share statistics on e-book usage and impact on libraries, expose common misconceptions and our customers will speak about their experiences implementing this technology. If you're reviewing your options you can't miss this opportunity to learn how to provide convenience and instant availability of the latest titles, increasing circulation and patron satisfaction.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

December 6 (11 am-12 pm)**Tech Tools with Tine: 1 Hour of eBooks and Audio Books (Texas State Library & Archives Commission)**

In the Tech Tools with Tine series, Tine Walczyk puts her focus on different technology tools. In this Webinar, Tine's covering ebooks and audio books.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>

December 6 (2-4 pm)**Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC) Session (Library of Michigan)**

Want to become QSAC certified, but aren't sure where to start? Join us at one of our bimonthly webinars on the QSAC standards and what they mean for your library. You can sign up for a small group webinar to talk with the Library of Michigan staff and your colleagues. Learn about the purpose of QSAC, review the newly revised measures and discuss with your colleagues how QSAC can work in your library.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/lom/cw/showcourse.asp?24>

December 9 (1-2 pm)**Mobile Learning's Missing Link (InSync Training)**

This session will help savvy designers avoid design catastrophes, managers understand how mobile learning fits and IT staff see the support they need to have ready. After contrasting a traditional virtual classroom to a mobile virtual classroom, the limitations of live mobile learning will be addressed. This session will provide strategies that take advantage of learning in the mobile environment.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://us.insynctraining.com/insync-byte-series>

December 9 (3-4 pm)

Introduction to Fundraising Planning (GrantSpace)

A successful nonprofit organization has diversified funding streams. If your organization has never developed a fundraising plan or calendar, this session is for you. It provides an overview of the process of strategically thinking through the components of a fundraising plan.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/Live-Webinars/>

December 10 (1-2:30 pm)

Accessing Block Group Data with the American Community Survey Summary File (Census Bureau)

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that generates estimates on social, economic, housing, and demographic topics. Data users can access these estimates down to the block group level of geography through the ACS Summary File. This presentation will cover background information about the ACS, an explanation of the ACS Summary File, and a demonstration of accessing block group data using the ACS Summary File.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/>

December 10 (1-2 pm)

New Librarian Roles – Building Connections not Collections (Libraries Thriving)

The past few years have produced more than a few articles, reports and initiatives focused on the new face of librarianship. The field, which is constantly evolving in response to our users and patron needs, is approaching a time where e-resources are a significant percentage of the collection. Placing emphasis on the relational aspect of our work is increasing in importance in response to that shift. This webinar will discuss some possible opportunities and challenges to approach these topics, especially in the context of academic librarianship.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.librariesthriving.org/workshops/seminars>

December 10 (1-4:15 pm)



MeL Databases Basics Part 1 (MCLS)

How do you choose a MeL Database? In Part 1, we will provide a hands-on overview of content and how to search in several of the most used MeL databases so that you can assist your patrons in choosing the one that best meets their information needs.

This class will be online using WebEx online workshop software. All registered attendees will receive an email with WebEx login information a few days prior to the class date.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://members.mcls.org/workshops/>

December 10 (2-3 pm)

Build Staff Buy-In for Volunteer Engagement (VolunteerMatch)

Is your organization open to engaging volunteers in new ways? Often one of the biggest challenges to a new model of volunteer engagement is the resistance of paid staff. Often attitudes and fears of our co-workers prevent us from expanding the work that volunteers do. But, if you've never worked with volunteers before, it can be scary. In this webinar we'll discuss strategies for working with paid staff to engage volunteers. We'll cover what you can do to alleviate some of those fears, strategies for working within a Union environment, and how you can train and support your coworkers as they become responsible for managing volunteers.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

December 10 (2-3 pm)

Common Core 101: Understanding the Basics (Booklist)

In the sea of resources about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), it can be easy to miss what's most essential: a basic explanation of what the standards are, how they are structured, and the themes that run throughout. Presented with the elementary school librarian in mind, this free, hour-long webinar sponsored by Capstone offers attendees a chance to develop a practical understanding of the standards and how librarians are uniquely positioned to support them, as well as a sneak peek at Capstone's Top 10 resources for K-5 Common Core support. Moderated by Booklist's Books for Youth Editorial Director Gillian Engberg.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63>

December 10 (2-3 pm)

Conservation Assessment Program - Learn More (Connecting to Collections)

Join us for an informative webinar about the Conservation Assessment Program application and participation! CAP helps small to mid-sized museums secure a general assessment of their collections and historic structures. A CAP assessment is a great first step in prioritizing your museum's collections care needs, and a wonderful building block to go on to secure more targeted funding. The CAP staff will cover the basics of eligibility requirements, the application, and CAP participation. Check out the sample CAP application and bring your questions!

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.connectingtocollections.org/calendar/>

December 10 (2-3 pm)

The Power of Transformational Stories (WebJunction)

Communicating about transformation vs. information is a critical component of changing perceptions about the library in your community. Your team transforms lives every day—and these are the stories that will resonate the most. Join Nancy Dowd, Senior Manager for NovelList's LibraryAware, and Karen Austin, Geek the Library field manager at OCLC, as they discuss how to identify, mold and communicate transformational stories that can help your community understand the value of the library to individuals and the community as a whole.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

December 11 (11 am-12 pm)**Turning Your Library Around - Part 2: 4 Years Later (Nebraska Library Commission)**

When we did our first NCompass Live presentation two years ago we told about the changes that we had accomplished in the first two years. Tune in to see what we have accomplished and learned in the next two years. This presentation will tell what we are continuing to do to turn the program around. Presenters: David Mixdorf, Dan Nieman, Odessa Meyer: South Sioux City Public Library.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

December 11 (12-1 pm)**Leadership For A New Era (Nonprofit Webinars)**

Nonprofits today are faced with unprecedented challenges, and yet we continue to approach board leadership using concepts from thirty years ago. As our organizations enter into new territory, so our boards need to lead differently - yet we continue to put our efforts into getting the structure 'right'. But there is no magical number of board members or committees, or use of Robert's Rules of Order or Consent agendas, that will transform our boards into the strategic thinkers or powerful decision makers they need to be. Instead, structure must be seen as only the foundation - and board behavior and dynamics approached in a new way - to lead effectively into the future.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nonprofitwebinars.com/webinars/>

December 11 (1-2 pm)**Filling the Gap When You Have a Vacant Leadership Position (GuideStar)**

In reaction to the culture shift of turnover and gaps in leadership, many nonprofits -- large and small -- are using consultants as short- and long-term solutions. We invite you to join us for an interactive session as top thinkers in nonprofit management and philanthropy offer techniques and anecdotes for getting through these tumultuous times. Some of the topics that will be addressed include: determining if outsourcing your leadership on a short- or long-term basis is a good fit; assessing the current state of the outgoing leader's responsibilities and reallocating resources to keep moving towards the fundraising goals and mission objectives; and relationship management of your board and donors during transitions.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.guidestar.org/rxg/news/webinars/index.aspx>

December 11 (3-4 pm)**The Evolution of Usage: Analyzing and Benchmarking Use [DDAL Pt. 2] (Library Journal)**

Using usage statistics in various forms has been an important topic for those evaluating library collections, and making purchase and cancellation decisions. New research projects in libraries are amassing and analyzing standardized usage data across many different types of libraries and resources to identify new usage benchmarks for resources. This webcast will highlight a few of these projects and report on what librarians working with them are seeing so far.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

December 11 (3-4 pm)**On Today's Menu: Your Successful Grant Proposal (Nonprofit Webinars)**

How can you whip up a successful grant proposal? You'll need just the right proportions of research, planning, drafting, and editing. And don't forget to garnish with tasty feedback and a dash of good timing! Foundations and corporate funders are always looking for ways to make good investments in your community. To partner with them, you have to show exactly how you can help make that happen!

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nonprofitwebinars.com/webinars/>

December 12 (1:00-2:30 pm)**Lessons from SPELL: Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries (Colorado State Library)**

Do you strive to reach low-income parents of young children with an effective early literacy message? Please join us for this session to learn research-based, effective strategies to reach this important audience using knowledge from existing programs and literature, along with input from parents themselves. Findings from the SPELL project, funded by an IMLS National Leadership Grant, shed important light on the best times, places, and methods for libraries and other organizations that work with families to reach and effectively communicate with low-income parents of children ages 0-3 about early literacy. During the session, you'll have the opportunity to share your own experiences with working with this audience, as well as give input into the project as it moves forward with a blueprint of recommendations and a larger project to test its findings. The webinar is presented by Dr. Mary Stansbury and Dr. Duan Zhang of the University of Denver, in partnership with the Colorado State Library.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nonprofitwebinars.com/webinars/http://connect.enetcolorado.org/spell/>

December 12 (12:30-2 pm)**Immigration Resources for Public Librarians (Institute of Museum and Library Services)**

—The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced the first in a series of four free webinars for public libraries about immigration and U.S. citizenship issues. The webinar series was developed as part of a broader effort through a federal partnership between IMLS and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to ensure that librarians have the necessary tools and knowledge to refer their patrons to accurate and reliable sources of information on immigration-related topics. The webinar will include a question-and-answer session and will cover: basic immigration procedures and benefits, the role librarians can serve, and new online resources for librarians on the USCIS website.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

http://www.ims.gov/new_federal_webinar_series_explores_immigration_resources_for_public_librarians.aspx

December 12 (1-3 pm)**Proposal Writing Basics (GrantSpace)**

For those new to proposal writing, this class will cover: How the proposal fits into the overall grantseeking process, What to include in a standard proposal to a foundation, Tips for making each section of your proposal stronger, What funders expect to see in your proposal and attachments, Tips for communicating with funders during the grant process, and Additional resources on proposal writing, including sample proposals.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/Live-Webinars/>

December 12 (9-10 am) 

MeLCat Processing and Policies (MCLS)

Do you ever wonder why you have to put a MeLCat identifier on every MeLCat item you send out from your library? Do you ever wonder why you have to include the paging slip? Join the MeLCat team as they describe the MeLCat process from start to finish and explain why certain things are done the way they are. Who should attend? Anyone who does day-to-day processing of MeLCat requests and would like to understand why certain things are required. This 60-minute webinar will give an overview of MeLCat and explain how the MeLCat policies and procedures are developed.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://members.mcls.org/workshops/>

December 12 (2-3 pm)

Extreme Customer Service, Every Time (WebJunction)

Commitment to great customer service goes beyond “service with a smile.” It is a commitment to truly engage and communicate with patrons and to find ways to extend the experience above and beyond their expectations. Building on the success of the Darien Library, whose reputation is known internationally for providing “extreme customer service,” presenter Gretchen Caserotti will provide you with practical and actionable ideas that can help your library, whether small or large, commit to excellent customer service.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

December 12 (3-4 pm)

Preservation Best Practices: Collections Care: Handling, Access, Storage, and Exhibition (Infopeople)

Providing access to collections for patrons and visitors is fundamental to the work of librarians, archivists, and collections managers. However, if access is not thoughtfully approached it can be detrimental to collections preservation. In the third in the series, attendees will learn tips for providing effective storage, handling, and exhibition strategies that marry preservation and access.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

December 12 (1-4:15 pm) 

MeL Databases Basics Part 2 (MCLS)

How do you choose a database? In Part 2, we will provide a hands-on overview of content and how to search in several of the most used MeL databases so that you can assist your patrons in choosing the one that best meets their information needs. You will learn basic search techniques for the following databases that can be of great use and interest to your patrons.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://members.mcls.org/workshops/>

December 12 (3-4 pm)

Spring 2014 Librarian Preview Webcast with Lerner Publishing Group (School Library Journal)

Be among the first to see and hear firsthand what Lerner has coming for readers this spring! Visit with Lerner Publishing Group's editors as they unveil the new fantastic new books they'll be publishing in spring 2014. Get the inside scoop and sneak peek at Lerner's nonfiction, middle grade and YA fiction, graphic novels, and picture books for grades K-12 coming this January. Plus, learn about new digital offerings, as well as supports for Common Core State Standards, and free teaching guides, reader's discussion guides, classroom activities, and websites that make lesson planning easy.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

December 13 (2-3 pm)

Difficult or Different (Effectiveness Institute)

Why are some clients or co-workers so frustrating to work with? Or more importantly, why would anyone think of YOU as a difficult person? For example, isn't it irritating when the person across the desk or on the phone can't seem to ever make a decision... or makes a snap decision only to change it a day later? In this highly interactive and engaging presentation, you will discover why "different" does not have to mean "difficult." Then you will learn the magic of making slight adjustments in your awareness and behavior that will have a significant impact on your ability to "click" with customers and co-workers.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

http://www.effectivenessinstitute.com/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=54

December 17 (2-3 pm)

Brain Bandwidth (InSync Training)

Trainers and instructional designers know that much instruction simply places too many demands on learners in terms of volume, clarity, and memory. This session provides an overview of cognitive load considerations in instructional design. Particular emphasis is placed on how information can be presented in such a way as to avoid overloading the recipient's ability to receive, process, and understand the information (i.e., their "brain bandwidth").

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://us.insynctraining.com/bozarth-programs/>

December 12 (9-10 am)



MeLCat Refresher Training for DCB Libraries (MCLS)

Do you use a DCB server for processing MeLCat requests at your library? Are you new to it? Do you want to know why you have to include a paging slip, a book band or label and a delivery label on every MeLCat item you send out? Then this class is for you! This is a hands-on workshop for people who do the day-to-day processing of MeLCat requests. It is specifically for libraries already live on the system. We will cover the current MeLCat policies and procedures as well as lending and borrowing practices. Come with questions!

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <https://members.mcls.org/workshops/>

December 17 (2-3pm)**Business Decision Overview for Michigan eLibrary Partners**

The webinar event is open to Michigan library staff, Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center staff and clients, and other small business organizations in the state.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: http://www.civictكنولوجies.com/mel_training/#

December 18 (11 am-12 pm)**To Bake or Not to Bake: Library Cake Pan Collection (Nebraska Library Commission)**

North Liberty (IA) Community Library has a collection of over 250 designer cakes pans that they check out. Join Library Director Dee Crouner as she discusses the pros and cons of having an "unusual" collection. This is one of their most popular collections and has attracted many new patrons to the library. There are other types of collections that can be easy to establish and maintain, too.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

December 18 (3-4 pm)**Measuring Impact: Redefining Scholarly Value Through New Data [DDAL Pt. 3] (Library Journal)**

Scholars are looking beyond traditional metrics to show the impact their work can have in the online world, while publishers are looking to show more value for their content. This has led to looking at other sources of data to determine other ways to consider value. This webcast will highlight the work scholars and organizations are doing around alternative metrics and article-level use to expand the definition of the impact of scholarly exchange.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

December 19 (3-4 pm)**Preservation Best Practices: Planning and Prioritizing: Tools for Success (Infopeople)**

Establishing a formal, or informal, preservation program can be overwhelming. The fourth and final webinar in the series will discuss the role of policies in establishing a systematic approach to preservation within an institution. Various planning tools and resources, including those available through the California Preservation Program, will be covered to help with setting preservation priorities.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

December 26 (11 am-12 pm)**Tech Talk with Michael Sauers: SHOG.US - Share with Flare (Nebraska Library Commission)**

JD Thomas, a white-hat SEO and WordPress consultant, will discuss SHOG.US, an easy to use web application that provides non-coders with the tools needed to craft engaging and social media friendly URLs for sharing on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, or LinkedIn. This is especially useful when sharing non-webpage resources such as event calendars, PDFs, or database portals.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>