



EXPEDITION EXTRA!

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIBRARY LEARNING

Please be sure to check out all of the exciting events being hosted by LCLS in the coming weeks. To access this information, please check out the [events calendar](#).

PRACTICAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

How can you juggle conflicting schedules and more demands with fewer resources? Effective planning processes can ensure improvement in the management of special projects, ongoing multiple projects, and even personal time. Participants will identify and address basic causes of library project successes and failures involving personnel and resources, and learn how to correct underlying problems in existing projects.

Please join us for this exciting workshop, led by Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, on March 24 from 9:30-4:00. Cost for the program is \$75 and includes lunch. This event will be held at Lewis & Clark Library System.

<http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=5242>

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ONE-YEAR STAY

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) today released an announcement to the Federal Register staying implementation of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) until February 10, 2010.

<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=1713>

WHAT'S NEW @ WJIL: SPECIAL EDITION--FOCUS ON LEARNING

Illinois libraries have the well-deserved reputation for leading the pack when it comes to innovation, service and creativity. In order to fuel the fire for continued leadership WJIL is launching a Focus on Learning. In this Special Edition of What's New @ WJIL you'll find free opportunities to learn more from content and colleagues with the added benefit of no travel. Join a statewide learning cohort, reconnect with an old online learning friend (LibraryU), match library competencies with your online learning and prepare for the future by taking the time to learn today!

<http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2009/02/03/whats-new-wjil-special-edition-focus-on-learning/>

LSTA GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Don't miss out! The LSTA grant offerings for FY 2010 have been announced. Grants ranging from \$2,500 - \$50,000 will be available in a variety of topic areas. Letters of Intent must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2009. Instructions for completing Letters of Intent can be found here (<http://www.finditillinois.org/lstainstructions/>). The full applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2009.

Two grant workshops will be offered by LCLS. One workshop, which will be scheduled in late February or early March will provide an opportunity to share ideas and discuss some specific grant development strategies. A grant information meeting with Karen Egan, the LSTA grant consultant at the Illinois State Library, has been scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 2:30-4:30 pm at LCLS. All member libraries are encouraged to attend. Registration is through L2. Juliette Douglas is also available to assist by answering questions, reviewing concepts, and reviewing grant applications.

<http://www.finditillinois.org/lstainstructions/>

BIGSIG

Join your colleagues as they brag/complain about how tech is being used in their libraries. This group welcomes all levels of expertise and focuses on making tech accessible to everyone, regardless of budget or computer skills.

February 9, 2-4 pm at Lewis & Clark Library System

<http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=5443>

ALA 2009 DIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS, CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The American Library Association's Office for Diversity is pleased to announce its 2009-2010 'Diversity Research Grants' Call for Proposals. Grant proposals should address one of the following three topics:

- * Meeting Diversity Goals in the Context of Economic Challenges
- * Librarianship in Multicultural/Multigenerational Community Building
- * Libraries' Multicultural Involvement in Social Networking

The Diversity Research Grant consists of a one-time \$2000 award for original research and a \$500 travel grant to attend and present at ALA Annual Conference. Three grants are awarded each year, one per topic. The deadline for this year's Diversity Research Grant proposals is April 30, 2009.

<http://ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/diversity/divresearchgrants/diversityresearch.cfm>

SOMALI PARENT-CHILD EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES

A variety of new materials have been made available in Somali by Washington Learning Systems (<http://www.wlearning.com/>). These materials include twenty home and community activities for adults and children birth to three that encourage early language and literacy development. They are appropriate for children with disabilities as well as children who are developing typically. The development of these materials was supported in part by Grant H324M020084 from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

RIVERWIND WHIRLWIND WEEKEND

Want to jump-start your storytelling debut or hone your current skills? The annual Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend hosted by the Riverwind Storytellers is for you!

The Whirlwind Weekend will be held on March 6-8 at the Collinsville Memorial Library at 408 West Main in Collinsville. Master storyteller Carol Birch will help you find your storyteller voice and style at whatever level you are at her workshop entitled "Passionate Virtuosity." Carol, who also comes from a library background, is one of the finest storytellers in America and a long-time favorite of the Riverwind Storytellers.

For more information: Mary Lu Bretsch (618-234-9698), dmlbr@charter.net, and Marilyn Kinsella (618-397-1377) markinsella19@hotmail.com. You can download a form from Marilyn Kinsella's Web site (<http://www.marilynkinsella.org>), plus we will be mailing some forms to libraries.

INTERESTING LINKS

[Former Pratt librarian leaves institution \\$650,000](#)

[Heroic pilot makes good on lost Fresno book](#)

[Cedar Rapids library makes smooth move](#)

[Ocean Shores library cats are purr-fect for the job](#)

[Dynastree maps your last name](#)

JOB POSTINGS

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Executive Director
Prairie Area Library Systems (PALS)
Coal Valley, Rockford, and/or Shorewood, IL
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=777>

Residency Program Librarian
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=778>

Director of Libraries
Saint Peter's College
Jersey City, NJ
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=779>

Reference Librarian
Deerfield Public Library
Deerfield, IL
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=780>

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