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Financial Literacy Resources

Resources for You and Your Patrons

Money As You Grow

http://www.moneyasyougrow.org

The President’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability has developed Money as You Grow, a website creatively highlighting the 20 essential lessons kids need to learn about money. It divides up the lessons per age group and includes a downloadable poster.

Money Matters

Federal Trade Commission

http://www.ftc.gov/moneymatters

Money Matters is a comprehensive personal finance website sponsored by the FTC. Educational categories include: Scam Watch, Credit Cards, Managing Your Money, Dealing with Debt, Your Home, and Jobs.

Smart Investing @ your library

http://smartinvesting.ala.org/

A partnership between the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association not only offers grant opportunities for public libraries to enhance their financial literacy programming, but also provides great resources and tools to download and share with patrons.

WaysHome

Fannie Mae

http://www.KnowYourOptions.com

WaysHome™ from Fannie Mae is an innovative new tool in mortgage education. This free interactive video simulation allows viewers to make choices for characters who are in various stages of mortgage distress and shows the consequences of those choices.

You can even place bulk orders for materials to distribute at your library by visiting http://bulkorder.ftc.gov/.

The FTC also has a monthly e-newsletter called Penn Corner that highlights the work the FTC is doing to protect consumers and features free resources to help you avoid fraud. Sign up at https://www.ftc.gov/opa/subscribe.shtm.
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choices—much like a "choose your own adventure" book. The video encourages homeowners to seek help early and get advice from HUD-approved housing counselors.

Patrons can access WaysHome by visiting http://www.KnowYourOptions.com. Libraries can also contact Fannie Mae (ways_home@fanniemae.com) to request a copy of WaysHome on CD-Rom as well as WaysHome educational material and posters.

Money Smart Week @ your library
http://www.ala.org/offices/money-smart-week

Participate in ‘Money Smart Week @ your library,’ a national initiative in its third year between the ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank (Chicago) to provide financial literacy programming to help members of your community better manage their personal finances.

Visit the website to find tools, resources, and programming ideas to make it easy for you to participate as an individual library, or as part of larger regional or statewide efforts.


If we can put a man on the moon and sequence the human genome, we should be able to devise something close to a universal digital public library.

-Peter Singer

ALA Conference Highlights

ALA Annual Conference programs, updates, conversations, and other events cover key issues such as digital content and e-books, technology in libraries, innovation, books and hundreds of authors, leadership, library advocacy, community engagement, and library marketing. There’s also a wide range of networking opportunities and fun events. Don’t miss out! Some selected preliminary highlights follow, but check back often for updates and added speakers, events, and programs.

ALA Annual Conference attendees can look forward to:

Preconferences
In the Exhibits
Speakers and Related Events
The Conversations Continue
Awards and Award Celebrations
ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash
Inaugural Brunch
Book Buzz Theater
Now Showing @ ALA Film Program
Networking Uncommons
Think Fit @ ALA
ALA JobList Placement Center
PHOTO COLLAGE: Missouri Information Meeting @ UNO

From top left: Carrie Kimbrough, Annette Parde, Brian Maass, Jen Barnason, Chris LeBeau, Dr. Pasco, Jenny Bossaller, Garren Hochstetler, and Wendy Lukert at the Missouri information meeting. Top Right: Chris LeBeau, Jenny Bossaller, Denice Adkins, and Dr. Pasco Bottom Left: Students Carrie Kimbrough, Annette Parde, Brian Maass, Jen Barnason, Garren Hochstetler, and Wendy Lukert.
**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Jeanette Stonebraker**

**What is your education/library/professional background?**
I have a long and checkered past with libraries. After volunteering in my high school library, I had to decide whether to go to college to work in libraries or be a meteorologist. Although the dream of living out on the high plains in the middle of nowhere watching the weather was soothing, I chose to obtain my undergraduate in Library Science from Northwest Missouri State University instead. My first job out of college was a special opportunity where I assisted on a reclassification project on a history of medicine collection. It was amazing to be able to handle books from the 1400-1800’s, and to wonder who else had handled and protected those items over the centuries! After that position I moved to a more mundane clinical medicine library where I worked in various positions in circulation, interlibrary loan, reference and managed the student assistants. During that time I also received a Master’s of Science in Management from Baker University. I now work in a small hospital library where all of my previous experience comes in very handy.

**What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?**
I am actually very jealous of my fellow classmates who work in public libraries. They are encouraged to find out what the most current literature published is and to read it! Working in a medical library, it is not wise to just pick a book off the shelf and read it. You soon start reading about symptoms of various diseases and think “I have that one. Ooo, I have that. And that too!” And pretty soon you diagnose yourself with XYZ Syndrome. And a bunch of other diseases. I admit that I mainly read for escapism on my time off. But, even though it may be fluff, if the author has done their research, you can still learn. Whether it is history or travel from romances, science and technology from science fiction or just new ideas from fantasy, you can always learn something.

**What is on your professional reading list?**
When I have a chance, I need to read up and study information on teaching health literacy. In a hospital library, you have to promote the library to remind people you are there to assist them. One of the best ways to do this is to find subjects that interest physicians and staff and teach them how to use or find the best evidence based information. I think health literacy would be a good subject because even though we work with educated people, they may be assisting patients and families who may not understand the information provided. If patients and families do not understand, they are not able to make the best decisions.

**What do you do in your “down time”? Do you have any hobbies?**
Well when I’m not working or studying, I am usually following the dictates of my spoiled doggie child, Sadie. She does her best to keep me in line. As she says “A doggie’s work is never done!” Every so often, I do escape and travel. I especially love to cruise to the Caribbean every couple of years. When I’m not able to do that, I try to go down a road to somewhere I’ve never been before, just to see what is there.

**What deep dark secret would you like to share?**
When I work out (which isn’t often enough!) I like to listen to 80’s rock music.

**Name one of your personal or professional qualities that will make you a leader in 21st century library and information centers.**
I learn as much as I can about the latest technology and trends in libraries to see what I can offer my patrons to help them do their jobs efficiently and with the most current information.

**What advice do you have for other students who are currently enrolled in Library Science studies?**
Don’t be afraid to change positions within a library or to another library. When you do something for too long, it is very easy to become ingrained in the position to where you no longer promote change or embrace new ideas. If you do stay in one position, do something to challenge yourself out of your comfort zone.

**What do you see as key future trends and challenges for Library Information Specialists?**
The biggest challenge I see in medical libraries is the misconception that everything is free on the internet or that doctors can learn all the new information just from talking to their colleagues. Administrators think the library is a money pit with no return on investment. Our challenge is to prove our value and that we are a vital part of the healthcare team.

**What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?**
I hope I leave a legacy as someone who cared for our patrons and tried to make their work and lives easier and more pleasant.

**What is your favorite quote?**
“Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”  -- Dorothy Bernard (1890-1955)
**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

There is funding available for students pursuing library studies. Please take advantage of these opportunities. These scholarships are waiting to be snapped up by deserving students like you. Please make the decision to apply. Your educational journey is worthwhile, but it’s not free. Let NLC, NLA, and NEMA help!

For **Nebraska School Librarians Association Scholarships**, visit:  
[https://sites.google.com/site/neschoollibrariansassociation/nsla-scholarships](https://sites.google.com/site/neschoollibrariansassociation/nsla-scholarships)

For **Nebraska Library Commission Scholarships**, visit:  
[http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/Scholarships/ScholarshipInfo.asp#apply](http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/Scholarships/ScholarshipInfo.asp#apply)

**Nebraska Library Association Scholarships**  
[http://nebraskalibraries.org/member-resources/scholarships/](http://nebraskalibraries.org/member-resources/scholarships/)

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**Graduate Application for Scholarships:**

The College of Education has a web based graduate scholarship application. The application form will be available after January 1, 2013 [Online Graduate Scholarship Application](#). Please use the link to apply. If you have questions, please call Ruth Gardner, Scholarship Coordinator at 573-884-7848.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

It’s important for all of our students to keep up with the current library job postings. You never know when your “perfect” job might come along. We regularly send out an email with the current postings. Please read these! Even if you’re not looking for a job, you may see something that you want to pass on to a classmate or colleague. In addition to reading these emails, take the initiative to check the website periodically. We only send out Nebraska postings, but you can view regional postings by accessing the website.

Visit: [http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/JobsAndCareers.asp](http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/JobsAndCareers.asp) and check out who is looking to hire in Nebraska and in other states as well. Directions: Once you access this link, select “view by location”, pick your state and then hit “GO”. This site provides access to postings in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.