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News Digest from Amigos Library Services

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Member News

A Message from Amigos President & CEO Miguel Figueroa

The start of this new year brings all the best wishes from the team at Amigos - and some exciting news that we hope will get 2025 started in the best of directions. As you will read below, we are excited to launch a [new and refreshed version of our web site](#), presenting more of our programs and services, like continuing education, member discounts, courier services, online conferences, and more, in a modern and easy to navigate experience. We are also happy to introduce our [new continuing education service manager, Christina Pryor](#), who will lead and shape our program of professional development. Finally, building from our work with the [Hyku institutional repository solution](#), we are excited to undertake [a new survey to better understand libraries' interests in hosted technology solutions](#) – we hope you will contribute your insights for our future directions.

We appreciate your continued engagement with Amigos and look forward to your reaching out via membership@amigos.org or by direct email to me at figueroa@amigos.org to talk about your libraries' needs and how Amigos can be a partner for new solutions.

Recruit Top Talent with the Amigos Job Bank – A Free Benefit for Members

Looking to [attract qualified candidates](#) to your library? The [Amigos Job Bank](#) is an invaluable resource that provides member libraries with free access to a highly visible platform for recruitment. With over 330 positions from more than 110 institutions shared in the 2023-2024 membership year alone, this service connects job openings with a nationwide pool of job seekers, ensuring your opportunities receive the attention they deserve.

Discover the New Amigos Library Services Website!

Amigos Library Services is excited to announce the launch of its [redesigned website](#). The updated site features a modern design and enhanced functionality, making it easier for visitors to locate information, learn about the organization, join as members, enroll in courses, and more.

The redesigned navigation ensures that essential resources and services are more accessible, creating a seamless experience for both first-time visitors and

long-time members. The goal of the new website is to provide an intuitive and enjoyable platform for all users.

If there are any issues locating information or if errors are noticed on the site, feedback can be directed to byerly@amigos.org.

Explore the new website at www.amigos.org to experience the updates directly.

General News

Christina Pryor Joins Amigos as New Continuing Education Services Manager

Christina Pryor joined Amigos Library Services on January 6th as the new Continuing Education Services Manager.

As CES manager, Chris will oversee Amigos' well-respected schedule of Know & Go and Live Online training sessions, Online Conference series, and Community Conversations. Chris will also help further strengthen and promote Amigos' partnerships with NISO and Skilltype, two important investments that have helped expand continuing education offerings across the Amigos membership.

Chris previously served as the Associate University Librarian for the Specialized Libraries at the University of Missouri University Libraries. She is a past president of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and actively involved in the Missouri Library Association, Library Marketing and Communications Conference, and the Core division of ALA.

Chris had previously worked with Amigos as CES Manager (2015-2017) and helped implement several of the courses and series offered to this date. She has also worked in public and academic health sciences libraries and as an adjunct instructor in LIS education.

Amigos Opens Survey of Libraries' Needs and Priorities for Hosted Technology Solutions

Amigos has recently undertaken a survey to better understand libraries' current and future needs and priorities for hosted technology solutions.

Libraries are invited to [complete the survey](#) before January 31. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and can be completed without submitting identifiable information. You are invited to complete the survey yourself, or to forward the link to another member of your library if that is more appropriate. We request that only one response is submitted per institution.

Hosted solutions include software applications, infrastructure components, or functions that organizations access from external service providers. These solutions can prove more affordable and sustainable for libraries than pursuing them individually, allowing libraries to achieve their technology priorities at scale and through shared infrastructure.

A version of this survey has previously been shared with academic libraries in Arizona and Arkansas. If your library already completed a version of this survey, you do not need to respond to this survey.

Continuing Education News

Looking for More CES News? View the Newest Issue of the Amigos Continuing Education Newsletter, "Continued"!

Amigos has released the January issue of its Continuing Education newsletter, "Continued," offering an in-depth look at the latest educational opportunities available through Amigos. From free and discounted workshops on collection management, technology trends, and leadership to topical online conferences, the newsletter covers a wide array of resources for library staff.

The latest issue features an exclusive interview with Christina Pryor, the new Continuing Education Services (CES) Manager, offering insights into her interests and experience, and trends that will impact libraries and continuing education programs. Members can also learn about events such as the upcoming Amigos Online Conference, "The People-Powered Library" scheduled for February 12th and free to Amigos members.

Visit the [newsletter page](#) to sign-up for "Continued" and never miss an update!

Electronic Resource Management: Micro-Credentialing & Capstone Project Registration Now Open

Whether you are new to electronic resources management (ERM) or want to learn how to handle electronic resources efficiently and effectively, this upcoming 3-course [certificate program](#) will introduce you to the fundamentals of ERM. Learn how to acquire, implement, maintain, and troubleshoot access to electronic resources – and develop strategies to assess and preserve these resources for your library.

Amigos Online Learning - Free for Members

Online topical conferences, the annual member conference, Know & Go sessions, Community Conversations, and NISO member webinars are all no charge to Amigos members. Upcoming free opportunities include:

- [Know & Go: Open Educational Resource Initiatives](#)
- [The People-Powered Library: An Amigos Online Conference](#)
- [Know & Go: Best Practices for Library Signage](#)
- [Know & Go: Strategies for Designing Library Instruction on AI Tools & Chat](#)
- [The People-Powered Library: An Amigos Online Conference](#)
- [AI & the Research Cycle \(Phase I: Research & Discovery\)](#)
- [Know & Go: Welcoming Adult Learners to Your Library with Bilingual Programming](#)
- [The Essentials: Library Values](#)
- [Discover Hyku: Empowering Libraries with Open-Source Repository Solutions](#)
- [Know & Go: Performance Improvement Plans](#)

- [Community Interventions](#)
- [Know & Go: Tools for Job Seekers in Libraries](#)

Trans-Amigos Express News

Navigating to Courier Links and Information on the Redesigned Amigos.org Website

With the launch of the [redesigned Amigos Library Services website](#), some familiar links and tools have been relocated to improve functionality and accessibility.

Many of the most-used links courier are now located on the right-hand side of the website rather than the top. [View article](#) for a quick-reference guide to navigate the updated website.

Conference News

Lessa Pelayo-Lozada to Keynote "The People-Powered Library" Online Conference

[Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada](#), Acting Director for the Glendale Public Library in Southern California and the 2022-23 President of the American Library Association, will present the opening keynote for Amigos' online conference, "[The People-Powered Library](#)" (February 12, 2025).

[Register today](#) and join us to explore the ways that libraries nurture and grow their staff and teams.

Member Discount News

Exclusive Bloomsbury Webinar and Discount for Amigos Members

Amigos is pleased to announce an [exclusive webinar and special 25% discount](#) from vendor partner [Bloomsbury](#) for Amigos members. Taking place February 6, 2025, the webinar will provide an overview of three incredible resources: the Jessica Kingsley Publishers Library, Bloomsbury Video Library, and Bloomsbury Visual Arts.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your library's offerings!

Discover Top Library Picks from Demco's Customer Council

Looking for ways to elevate your library or learning environment? Amigos vendor partner Demco partners with library and education professionals to develop innovative, practical solutions—and their Customer Council members recently shared their [favorite finds from Demco](#)'s ever-growing catalog.

Amigos members have access to Demco's innovative products—and many other library supplies and consulting services—at negotiated discounts. It's just one of

the many ways Amigos helps members save time and money while enhancing their services.

Member Job Bank

Need Help Finding Qualified Candidates for Library Job Openings?

Amigos member libraries can post their openings for **FREE!** Postings remain in our job bank for thirty days and are shared to Amigos social media. [Current Job Listings.](#)



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