

# AmigosNow

News Digest from Amigos Library Services

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## Member News

### **A Message from Amigos President & CEO Miguel Figueroa**

Some recent member library visits in Dallas highlighted interest in training for staff at all levels. Over the past year, we have worked to introduce new professional development offerings that are accessible and relevant to staff across the library. These include upcoming sessions in our Essentials series ([Workplace Communication](#) on December 18 and [Conducting the Reference Interview](#) on January 9), continued availability of our popular Know & Go series ([Recovering from a Wind and Rain Event](#) on December 16), and our schedule of online conferences ([The People-Powered Library](#) on February 10) – all of which are free for staff at Amigos member libraries. We also continue our partnership with [NISO's webinar series](#) to bring even more specialized content ([Authentication and Browser Changes](#) on December 11) to your library as a free member benefit – just register as a NISO member and NISO will recognize your library as part of the [Library Standard Alliance](#) through Amigos.

We hope you and your staff will also notice an improved registration process that helps individuals more easily indicate their library's membership in Amigos and take advantage of free and discounted sessions.

We appreciate your continued engagement with Amigos and hope that you will reach out at [membership@amigos.org](mailto:membership@amigos.org) or email me directly at [figueroa@amigos.org](mailto:figueroa@amigos.org) to talk about your training needs or how Amigos can partner with your library for new solutions.

### **Registration Closing Soon for Developing Community Support through Creative Partnerships, an Amigos Community Conversation**

[Registration](#) is closing soon for Amigos' newest Community Conversations series installment, [Developing Community Support through Creative Partnerships](#) (December 11). Community Conversations are free and are available exclusively to members.

Creating connections between libraries and local organizations is a foundational part of serving the community. For the new director or librarian, however, this kind of outreach can feel overwhelming and intimidating. In this Community Conversation, a panel of library directors will share their insights on the

fundamentals of identifying potential community partners and creating beneficial relationships that bring in new users.

## Conference News

### **Proposals Due December 13 for the Next Amigos Online Conference, "The People-Powered Library"**

In almost any organization, it is often said, "People are our greatest resource." And that is especially true in libraries. Welcoming communities into our spaces, unlocking the power of our collections, and connecting users to the information and knowledge they need, people power the library.

The next Amigos Online Conference, "[The People-Powered Library](#)" (February 12, 2025), will explore the ways that libraries nurture and grow their staff and teams.

Amigos welcomes proposals for 45-minute individual or panel sessions. Sessions are presented online with technical support and moderation assistance from Amigos staff. [Submit your proposal by December 13, 2024.](#)

## Continuing Education News

### **Amigos Online Learning - Discounted for Members**

Review the [Continuing Education Schedule](#) for the latest additions and updates:

- [Project Management Skills for Non-PMPs](#)
- [Authority Control: Creating and Maintaining Consistency](#)
- [Library Management: Managing Change](#)

## Member Discount News

### **PolicyMap's New Partnership Drives Awareness of the Critical State of Maternal Care in the U.S.**

Amigos Library Services [offers members access](#) to powerful data visualization tools like PolicyMap, a service that drives actionable insights on critical issues. PolicyMap's recent [partnership with Surgo Health](#) to spotlight maternal care disparities underscores its ability to provide vital information to address pressing societal challenges.

With PolicyMap, libraries can access and leverage similar data to inform decisions and advocate for their communities effectively. This service is just one of the many ways Member Discount Services helps to equip libraries with innovative tools to make a real difference.

### **Project MUSE 2025 Frontlist Collection Now Available**

The Annual Frontlist Collection from Amigos vendor partner Project MUSE offers newly published books from over 200 university presses and related scholarly

publishers. Now available for purchase, the 2025 Annual Frontlist Collection will include over 2,500 new releases.

With the advance purchase of the 2025 frontlist, a library gains access to new titles immediately upon their release on the MUSE platform and provides its users with the latest scholarship in a DRM-free, easy-to-use format. With unlimited simultaneous usage, downloading, and printing, books on MUSE are ideal for both research and classroom needs. For more details, visit [Project MUSE Frontlist 2025](#).

## 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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