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News Digest from Amigos Library Services

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Member News

A Message from Amigos President & CEO Miguel Figueroa

As March approaches, we are looking forward to reconvening with the Amigos Board of Directors on March 4th in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to guiding our organization, board members provide valuable insights into the needs of member libraries. And I look forward to visiting member libraries while in San Antonio to hear more about your interests and ambitions.

While visiting with member libraries in Dallas, I was asked about training for basic book repair, something that can be harder and harder to find. With our Continuing Education team, I'm happy to share that we will host [two book repair sessions in Dallas on April 24th](#) - and we look forward to offering this training in additional locations throughout our membership region.

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.

Continuing Education News

Get the Hands-On Practice You Need with Cataloging & Classification Basics 5-Part Course

From MARC bibliographic, and classification and categorization schemas, to basic copy cataloging, and other areas essential to the cataloging department, Amanda Sprochi offers in-depth training in cataloging and classification.

Register today to [participate in five expert taught sessions \(March 11 - 25\)](#) of "Cataloging & Classification Basics" which prepares attendees to begin copy cataloging by demonstrating how to interpret bibliographic records and match to items in hand.

Learn How to Document Step by Step in this March 4 Course (Last chance to register)

Are you in charge of creating documentation for the processes at your library? Do you feel overwhelmed by this task, or like you don't know where to start? Then

register today for hands-on learning and practice with "Documenting Your Library's Work."

Over two sessions (March 4 and 6), this class will [break the process down into manageable chunks](#) and teach participants how to plan, structure, write, review, and publish their documentation.

In-Person Book Repair Basics Training Available in Dallas, April 24

Amigos is pleased to offer a [hands-on introduction and overview to help library staff](#) maintain their circulating hardcover book collection. Preservation expert Rebecca Elder will guide attendees through repair techniques for paper (surface cleaning, mending, tipping in pages) and books (hinge tightening and corner repair) and provide guidance for setting up a repair workspace, understanding book repair terminology, and engaging a conservator.

Two sessions, [morning](#) and [afternoon](#), will be available on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

This in-person session is limited to 12 attendees to help facilitate actual book repair practice. To provide as many member libraries with an opportunity to participate, a limit of two registrations per institution is requested.

Due to the class size limit, a waitlist will be made available for sessions that reach capacity.

A fee of \$75 will provide brushes, scissors, cutting mats and other equipment that attendees will be able to take back to their institutions to continue their book repair practice. Attendees are expected to bring 2-3 deaccessioned hardback books in good condition to practice repairs on. If these requirements provide a hardship, please contact learning@amigos.org.

Amigos looks forward to offering this training in additional locations throughout our membership region. Please contact learning@amigos.org with specific request for hosting this training.

Amigos Online Learning - Discounted for Members

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

- [Documenting Your Library's Work](#)
- [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#)
- [Creating a Collection Development Policy](#)
- [Library Management: Motivating & Retaining Employees](#)
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#)
- [Book Repair Basics \(Dallas in-person training\)](#)
- [Website Accessibility for Everyone](#)
- [An Introduction to Teaching Information Literacy](#)
- [Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection](#)

Save the Date! May 14th is the Amigos Member Conference 2025

How are libraries confronting the present moment while preparing for promising futures? Join us for the [Amigos Member Conference 2025](#) on Wednesday, May 14, where we'll examine libraries' current landscape and future possibilities. This year's theme of "Our Present. Our Futures." provides an [opportunity for members to convene](#) and explore the significant impact libraries have today and to envision their potential for tomorrow.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details on sessions and speakers. The conference will feature an opening keynote, the Annual Member Business Meeting, and a variety of concurrent sessions on key topics affecting libraries today and in the future.

Call for Proposals Open

We are seeking insightful presentations from members to share innovative solutions, emerging trends, and forward-thinking strategies that keep libraries essential. [Submit your proposal](#) by March 25 for a chance to be part of the conversation!

Thank You to Our Sponsors

We are proud to have LexisNexis as our Conference Sponsor and Oxford University Press as a supporting Gold Sponsor. Their support helps make this event possible! To learn about ways to support the conference, visit the [Amigos Member Conference 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities form](#).

Registration Open for April Collections Reflect Communities Conference

The Amigos Online Conference, "Collections Reflect Communities" (April 10, 2025), will explore ways libraries represent their communities through collections and technical services practices. Register today to [save your seat](#).

For the library to be a living organism it must constantly evolve – adding new materials and resources, pivoting to meet new needs, and changing with its community.

Explore Library Innovation at Computers in Libraries 2025

Computers in Libraries 2025, taking place March 25–27 in Arlington, VA, brings together library professionals to explore the latest in AI, robotics, emerging technologies, and innovations shaping libraries. Amigos members planning to attend can [save on registration](#) with a special discount code.

Member Discount News

Use End of Year Funds on Discounted Resources from Amigos

Don't let your end-of-year funds go to waste, [invest in the resources your library needs](#) with Amigos Member Discount Services! Expand your collections and help patrons stay informed with subscriptions to dozens of vendors.

As the fiscal year winds down for many, now is the perfect time for libraries to make the most of remaining funds while saving money in the process. Amigos

Member Discount Services connects libraries with trusted vendors, exclusive discounts, and hassle-free purchasing, helping stretch their budgets further.

Ambrose Video Announces New Content and No Price Increase for 2025

Ambrose Video Publishing, Inc. continues to expand its Genius Music and Dance collection with the upcoming release of Genius of European Ethnic Dance in America. Explore their Amigos [member pricing and promotions](#).

Schlager Group Becomes a New Vendor Partner

Amigos is pleased to welcome Texas-based publisher Schlager Group as a [new vendor partner](#) and announce a special pricing offer for Amigos members. Suitable for students from advanced high school through early undergraduate through upper division, their Essential Primary Sources collection includes over 2,500 sources to support study across U.S and world history, ethnic and gender studies, American government, and religious studies.

Celebrate Open Education Week with Pressbook's Webinars March 3-6

In recognition and celebration of Open Education Week, Pressbooks is offering [three free webinars](#). From high-level principles and examples of how to create engaging learning materials in Pressbooks that encourage active learning to growing institutional OER programs, there's unique content in each session.

Bloomsbury Trials Available Through April. Claim Yours Today

Bloomsbury has made free trials available to Amigos members through April 30, 2025. [View article for instructions](#) to claim your trial or view their recently recorded demonstration.

Oxford Journals Archive Offering Three Discount Options to Amigos Members

With discounts good through December 31, 2025, Oxford Journals Archive (of Oxford University Press) is offering three exciting perpetual access saving options for Amigos Library Services members that benefit librarians and library users. [Learn about Oxford Journals, offer details, and benefits for librarians](#) and library users.

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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