

AmigosNow

News Digest from Amigos Library Services

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General News

Support for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Amigos recognizes the importance of IMLS funding across our region and nationally. IMLS supports services delivered in partnership with state libraries, innovative and expanded programming for libraries and their communities, and the development of future services from library consortia and networks. In response to the [recent executive order](#) calling for the elimination of non-statutory components and functions of IMLS, library advocates are encouraged to [contact their members of congress](#) and voice their support for IMLS and the library services that make a difference in our communities.

Member News

Voting Representatives: Earlier this week you should have received a test message

In preparation for the upcoming elections, Amigos is testing email addresses to ensure that voting materials will be properly received. A test message has been sent to the email address on file for each member's Voting Representative. For more information and how to update your Voting Representative contact information, please [view this article](#).

Submit Your Proposal by April 4 for the Amigos Member Conference 2025

We are [seeking insightful presentations from members](#) to share innovative solutions, emerging trends, and forward-thinking strategies that keep libraries essential at the Amigos Member Conference 2025 on Wednesday, May 14.

[Submit your proposal](#) by April 1 for a chance to be part of the conversation as we examine libraries' current landscape and future possibilities!

Lock in Your FY2026 Membership & Optimize Your Budget

Did you know you can pay for your Amigos membership in advance? As many libraries approach the end of their fiscal year, now is the perfect time to make the most of remaining funds while [securing valuable resources](#) for the upcoming year. Lock in your FY2026 membership today to optimize your budget and ensure continued access to essential library services.

Board News

Candidates for election to the Amigos Board of Directors

The Amigos Nominating Committee has [announced the slate of candidates](#) for election in May to the Board of Directors. Candidate and voting information will be sent to the designated Voting Representatives of member institutions as part of an upcoming Call to Meeting.

Continuing Education News

Get an Inside Look in Amigos Continuing Education Newsletter in the Lates Issue of Continued!

The [March issue of Continued](#), Amigos' Continuing Education newsletter, is here! Explore the latest trainings, conferences, and resources for library staff, including:

- Free and discounted courses on collection development, community engagement, technology trends, and leadership
- An exclusive interview with Amigos President & CEO Miguel Figueroa
- A preview of the upcoming Amigos Online Conference, Collections Reflect Communities (April 10)
- Stay informed and [sign up for Continued](#) today.

Join us for the Amigos Community Conversation, "By Any Other Name: Belonging and Engagement in Libraries"

In a political climate where terms like diversity, equity, and inclusion face increasing challenges, many institutions have pivoted to new terms like belonging, community engagement, or student development.

[Register today](#) for the April 22, Amigos Community Conversation to [join library leaders](#) for a discussion about their approaches to this politicized space and finding paths to fulfilling their organization's commitments to reflecting and welcoming the communities they serve.

Amigos Online Learning - Discounted for Members

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

- [Creating a Collection Development Policy](#)
- [Library Management: Motivating & Retaining Employees](#)
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#)
- [Book Repair Basics](#)
- [Website Accessibility for Everyone](#)
- [An Introduction to Teaching Information Literacy](#)
- [Empowering Staff to Advocate and Guide the Library's Story](#)
- [Introduction to OpenRefine](#)
- [Soft Skills for Library Staff](#)
- [Parliamentary Procedure 101](#)

Conference News

Conference Keynotes and Schedule Announced for "Collections Reflect Communities." Registration Closing Soon!

The full schedule is now available for the April 10, 2025, Amigos Online Conference "Collections Reflect Communities". Join us to explore the ways that libraries represent their communities through collections and technical services practices. Register by April 8 to [secure your spot](#) to the live event.

Mary Schreiber and Wendy K. Bartlet of Cuyahoga County Public Library will present the opening keynote "Curating Diverse Community Collections: A Road Map" to start off the day at 10 am Central. The closing keynote, "Reflecting Our Communities: The African American Subject Funnel Project" will be presented by Michelle Cronquist, Special Collections Cataloger at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Learn [more about the two keynote sessions.](#)

This conference along with all Amigos online conferences, Know & Go sessions, and Community Conversations is free to Amigos members.

Member Discount News

Experience All of The New York Times with Campus-Wide All Access Subscription

With a campus-wide All Access subscription through Amigos, academic and higher education libraries can provide their communities with all of The New York Times. And for a limited time, [one free month of NYT access is available](#) for Amigos members signing up for new subscriptions starting in July: sign up for 12 months starting in July and receive access in June for free!

Learn About BioOne's Subscribe to Open Pilot, eBooks, and More in Free Webinar for Amigos Members

Join BioOne's [free webinar on April 9](#) to explore new developments in scholarly publishing. Learn about their Subscribe to Open pilot, their expanding BioOne eBooks collections, and how the BioOne Digital Library supports research in biological, ecological, and environmental sciences.

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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