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News Digest from Amigos Library Services

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Membership and People

A Message from Amigos President & CEO Miguel Figueroa

As attendees at our Annual Member Business Meeting and regular readers of our newsletter might already know, Amigos has announced a major change to member benefits – making our Live Online sessions part of the free continuing education benefits for members. This provides all staff at member libraries with free access to [sessions from our continuing education schedule](#). This comes at a time when we know many libraries are carefully examining their budgets and considering changes in the larger environment. This is just one change – but it demonstrates the value of hearing from our members about the services they need. As mentioned in our last newsletter, Amigos is closely monitoring changes to statewide programs and services - and we hope that member libraries will reach out to us with specific concerns or areas where they see Amigos playing a role.

I hope we can continue to work together to sustain our shared services and build new opportunities. Please reach out to membership@amigos.org or email me directly at figueroa@amigos.org to talk more about how Amigos can partner with your library.

Education and Events

Empowering Staff to Advocate and Guide the Library's Story

Chris Boivin will show participants how to apply an established marketing methodology to create a library story that boosts your reach. [Register now](#) for this June 12th course to learn practical strategies for marketing the modern library.

Enhance Metadata Management Skills This Summer

Summer is an ideal time for library staff to sharpen their skills and explore tools. Through Amigos, staff can spend time learning about tools designed to clean up messy data, how to do more with MARC records, or pick up some programming language basics. Enhance metadata management skills all summer long with [Amigos' cataloging and metadata course line up](#), including Introduction to OpenRefine, Introduction to MarcEdit, and Introduction to Programming with Python and PyMARC.

Amigos Online Learning - Free for Members

All courses on the Continuing Education Services schedule are free for members. Review the [Continuing Education Services Schedule](#) for the latest additions and updates:

- [Know & Go: Increase Your Productivity with Time Management](#)
- [Empowering Staff to Advocate and Guide the Library's Story](#)
- [Know & Go: Writing Effective Alternative Text](#)
- [Introduction to OpenRefine](#)
- [Soft Skills for Library Staff](#)
- [Know & Go: Effective Committee and Board Service](#)
- [Parliamentary Procedure 101](#)
- [Information Literacy in the AI Era: Navigating Digital Information with Critical Thought](#)
- [Discover Hyku: Empowering Libraries with Open-Source Repository Solutions](#)
- [Understanding the Needs of Library Users with a Personality Disorder](#)
- [Know & Go: Unlocking the Benefits of Membership in Amigos Library Services](#)
- [Introduction to MarcEdit](#)
- [Know & Go: Slide Decks for Non-Designers](#)
- [Website Accessibility for Everyone](#)
- [Know & Go: Welcoming Adult Learners to Your Library with Bilingual Programming](#)
- [Introduction to Programming with Python and PyMARC](#)
- [The Essentials: Customer Service](#)
- [Discover Hyku: Empowering Libraries with Open-Source Repository Solutions](#)
- [Know & Go: Tips for Cover Letters, Resumes, and Interviews](#)
- [Serving the Neurodiverse Library User](#)
- [Building a Practice of Plain Language in Your Library](#)
- [Know & Go: Identifying When Interactions Cross the Line](#)

Products and Partnerships

Save 25 – 50% With Infobase Special Offers Through June 30

An educational solutions company, Infobase serves the school and library community with over 15,000 print, film, and digital products, and is currently offering promotions for both current and former subscribers. Libraries can [save 25-50%](#) on various collections and packages through June 30th.

Join May 29 Webinar to Learn About Cambridge Histories Online

For a limited time, members receive a [30% discount](#) on purchase of the complete Cambridge Histories Online archive or any subject collection. Cambridge Histories

collections are available as perpetual access purchases with price points for every budget – perfect for year-end spending.

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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