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Continuing Education News Digest from Amigos Library Service

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Updates & News

Your Direct Link to Free Training
Online topical conferences, the annual member conference, Know and Go sessions, Community Conversations, and NISO member webinars are all free for Amigos members.

Visit, bookmark, and share the new [Free for Members page](#) with your staff and take advantage of this Amigos benefit today!

September - December Continuing Education Schedule Now Available
The Amigos Continuing Education schedule for September through December 2023 is now available. View the schedule below or access the [full schedule here](#).

Conferences & Special Events

Amigos Online Conferences

Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services
Planning for the Amigos November Topical Conference, "Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services" is well underway.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality (VR) have emerged as powerful tools that enhance and expand the role of libraries, empowering them to provide innovative services and experiences to their patrons. Delve into the myriad ways AI, VR, and other emerging realities intersect with library services and learn how libraries leverage these developments to redefine their work at the November 30, 2023, online conference, "[Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services](#)."

Attend. Registration for [this event is open](#).

Present. Submit a proposal and if the proposal is selected, Amigos staff will work with you to produce a professional-level session! If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences, please [submit your proposal](#) by September 20, 2023.

Libraries Address Inequities
Registration for the live event is now closed but if you have not registered for the September 7,

2023, online conference, "Libraries Address Inequities", there's still a chance to view the sessions by [registering for the recordings](#).

Beginning with "Libraries: Community Deficit Fighters", the keynote session presented by Felton Thomas, the conference examines ways in which libraries build partnerships, raise community awareness, and center dialogue in addressing known and emerging inequities.

Amigos Community Conversations

Libraries and the Letter of the Law
Meet with other Amigos members to discuss and explore emerging and critical issues in the library environment in this next Community Conversation on Libraries and the Letter of the Law. Laws and rules governing libraries are rapidly being re-evaluated and updated nationwide. Join us for the next Amigos Community Conversations event and delve into some of the key legal developments affecting libraries, such as censorship and access to library services. Leaders will take center stage to share their insights, expertise, and experiences on how these new laws are affecting the way libraries operate.

[Join us](#) October 10th for an interactive town hall discussion on the effects and implications of changing laws and rules for library collections and services. Submit your law change questions, concerns, and opportunities in advance to be answered by the panelists.

This is an exclusive, no-charge event for Amigos Library Services members.

Amigos Online Conference Recordings

Amigos Online Conferences - Easy to Access. Meaningful to Attend.

Online conferences are a no-charge benefit for Amigos member libraries.

Register today for access to recent conferences:
- [Libraries Address Inequities](#)
- [Amigos Member Conference 2023: Libraries Plan to Succeed](#)
- [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Cataloging and Technical Services](#)
- [The Library Technology Roadmap](#)
- [Materials on the Move: Strategies for Delivery, Distribution and Storage](#)

Please Note: Attendees registered for the live event already have access to the past conference recordings. To view the recordings, login with the credentials provided for attending the live conference.

Courses

All times are listed in the Central Time Zone

On Request Training Available
Amigos will provide on-request training sessions, online or face-to-face designed specifically to meet your library's needs. On-request training can be an effective way to meet specific and specialized training needs. Contact learning@amigos.org for more information.

Recently, Erin Gray facilitated a face-to-face training on "Dealing with Difficult Patrons" for staff at Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Texas General Land Office.

Courses by Topic

Cataloging

- RDA for Audio Recordings (September 19-21)

Collection Development

- Libraries Address Inequities (September 7)
- Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law (October 10)

Learning & Instruction

- Libraries Address Inequities (September 7)
- Know & Go: ORCID: Helping Your Researchers Connect to Their Work (October 9)
- Curriculum Mapping for Academic Librarians (November 14-16)
- Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services (November 30)

Management & Leadership

- Libraries Address Inequities (September 7)
- Know & Go: Wikidata and Libraries (September 11)
- Streamlining Library Workflows and Processes September (12-14)
- Know & Go: Plain Language Communication in Libraries (September 25)
- Introduction to Project Management (September 26-27)
- Library Management: Motivating & Retaining Employees (September 27-28)
- Know & Go: Trend Scanning for Libraries (October 2)
- Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law (October 10)
- Design Thinking in Libraries (October 16-20)
- Know & Go: Tools for Job Seekers in Libraries (October 16)
- Parliamentary Procedure 101 (October 17)
- Know & Go: Customer Service Basics (October 23)
- Library Management: Managing from the Middle (October 25)
- Getting Started with Grant Writing (October 26)
- Know & Go: Creating a Mentorship Program at Your Library (November 6)
- Know & Go: Financial Literacy in Library Programs and Services (November 13)
- Preparing for the Unexpected: Dealing with Difficult Patrons (November 15-16)
- Know & Go: Conducting Effective Meetings (November 20)
- Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services (November 30)
- Know & Go: Increase Your Productivity with Time Management (December 4)
- Know & Go: Storytelling and Data Visualization with Qualitative Data (December 11)
- The Usable and Accessible Library Space (December 12-14)
- Introduction to Emergency Management for Libraries (December 13)

Marketing & Outreach

- Libraries Address Inequities (September 7)
- Know & Go: Plain Language Communication in Libraries (September 25)

- Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law (October 10)
- Event Planning 101 (November 8-9)
- Reimagining Libraries: Exploring the AI & VR Revolution in Library Services (November 30)

Member Services

- Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law (October 10)

Metadata

- Know & Go: Wikidata and Libraries (September 11)

Programming & Services

- Introduction of Library Services to Teens (September 14)
- Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law (October 10)
- Know & Go: Cemetery Searching for Genealogical and Local History Research (October 30)
- Event Planning 101 (November 8-9)
- The Usable and Accessible Library Space (December 12-14)

Reference

- Know & Go: Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk (September 18)
- Know & Go: Tools for Job Seekers in Libraries (October 16)
- Getting Started with Grant Writing (October 26)
- Know & Go: Cemetery Searching for Genealogical and Local History Research (October 30)
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Technology

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User Experience

- Know & Go: Customer Service Basics (October 23)

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