

# CONTINUING EDUCATION ROUNDUP

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*“You'll never know everything about anything, especially something you love.”*

*Julia Child*

## FREE COURSES AND WEBINARS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED BY STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Lifelong learning is a crucial service provided by Ohio libraries. The continuous growth and learning for library staff are equally important so they can continue to be innovative and evolve to serve their communities. The [State Library of Ohio](#) provides free access to many continuing education opportunities to make professional development convenient and enriching. Provided with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), below are the continuing education resources available to all Ohio library staff.



## WEBJUNCTION WEBINAR RECORDINGS

All [webinars are recorded](#) and can be accessed when you register with the link below. Slides and additional resources are available for most webinars.

## RYAN DOWD'S HOMELESSNESS TRAINING

[Ryan Dowd's Homelessness Training](#) – Hosted via Niche Academy, the four-part core training is an empathy-driven approach that provides best practices for library staff on how to understand the homeless population and serve them better. There are also practical tips on how to deal with and de-escalate common situations and issues, and make staff feel empowered and safe.

There are also monthly, recorded webinars on a variety of topics. The next webinar is a Q&A with Ryan. [Register here](#). All webinars are recorded and added to the Niche Academy portal.

## WEBJUNCTION

This resource has courses that provide training to support the foundation of librarianship along with webinars on topics of library service, management, and staff development.

In the summer of 2025, Webjunction launched a new series of training on library core competencies called [LiFT- Library Foundational Training](#). The training consists of 7 courses on public library fundamentals and collection development.

