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# CONTINUING EDUCATION ROUNDUP

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> *"You'll never know everything about anything, especially something you love."*
> *Julia Child*

## THE LIBRARY AS A CONNECTOR AND BRIDGEBUILDER: RESOURCES FOR BEING THE HUB IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Libraries of all types are places of connection, serving as information hubs and gathering places for the communities they serve. There are resources and webinars available to foster bridgebuilding at your library and demonstrate your library's value to the community.

**Bridgebuilding definition:** when different types of people come together with respect and understanding. It helps build trust and work towards shared goals. Over time, it can strengthen communities and create a more welcoming, connected society.

- Webjunction Bridgebuilding Resource Hub
  - Webinars and learning resources
  - Case Studies- including Conneaut Public Library in Ohio!
  - Needs assessment and measuring tools

### ARTICLES

Asset Mapping in Your Community - geared toward school libraries, this short video offers ideas and strategies to build bridges that benefit students.

How to Host Events that Engage the Whole Community- Edutopia

Creating Welcoming Spaces in Academic Libraries- Libguide from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

7 Ways to Communicate Your Value as an Academic Librarian - Niche Academy



### UPCOMING WEBINAR: MAKING CONNECTIONS: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR ADULT AND SENIOR LIBRARY PATRONS

Join us for a 60 minute webinar
November 4 at 2 p.m. ET

Register Here

### WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Create Belonging: Using Non-Academic Programming to Reduce Library Anxiety- ASERL

Introduction to Bridgebuilding: Creating a Library Where Everyone Belongs - WebJunction

Mapping the Journey to Lead from the Library - All4Ed 2026 Future Ready Librarian Webinar Series

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