

Diversity and Cultural Competency in Rural Libraries: A Multi-System Initiative



In FY2006, Lincoln Trail Libraries System, in conjunction with Lewis and Clark Library System, Rolling Prairie Library System, and Shawnee Library System, will be presenting a series of continuing education opportunities centered on the topic of diversity.

Basic Spanish for Librarians

February 3, 10, 17, 24, and March 3, 2006
Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur, IL
To register, contact Rolling Prairie Library System
at 217-429-2586.

April 20, 25, 27, and May 2 and 4, 2006
Shawnee Library System, Carterville, IL
To register, contact Shawnee Library System
at 618-985-3711.

May 8, 11, 15, 17, and 19, 2006
Lewis and Clark Library System, Edwardsville, IL
To register, contact Lewis and Clark Library System
at 618-656-3216.

Designed for front line staff, these classes will teach words and phrases to help library staff communicate with Spanish-speaking patrons. There will be five three-hour sessions (15 CPDU). Participants are expected to attend all five classes.

Poverty Simulator

March 29, 2006 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. • CPDU: 2
The Urbana Free Library, Urbana, IL

May 19, 2006 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • CPDU: 2
Jefferson County University of Illinois Extension Office,
Mt. Vernon, IL

In this two-hour interactive program, participants will use role-play to better understand what it is like to face poverty daily. This program will be offered twice at different locations. To register, go to <http://www.librarydiversity.info/ce.html>.

Cultural Competency Workshops

April 1, 2006 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • CPDU: 7
Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, IL

May 20, 2006 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • CPDU: 7
Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur, IL

Through discussion and thought-provoking exercises, participants will gain a better understanding of how to interact with diverse populations. This program will be offered twice at different locations. To register, go to:

<http://www.librarydiversity.info/ce.html>.

Libraries and Communities Building Bridges: An Inter-Cultural Dialogue

April 24, 2006 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • CPDU: 8
Hilton Garden Inn, Effingham, IL

This one-day event designed for librarians will focus on gaining a better understanding of diversity as well as practical things that can be done at the home library, including collection development and networking with community organizations. To register, go to: <http://www.librarydiversity.info/ce.html>.

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