

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

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## **RECOGNIZING VALUE, ENCOURAGING GROWTH: THE ALA LIBRARY SUPPORT STAFF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The American Library Association's Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) is [accepting applications](#) from potential Candidates interested in achieving the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC). The LSSC Program is the first national, voluntary certification program for library support staff. Over forty Candidates have applied since the program opened January 25, 2010.

The LSSC Program is open to any library support staff person with a high-school diploma or its equivalent and at least one year of full-time experience in a library with the last five years. Applicants do not have to be a member of ALA. The application fee is \$325 for ALA members and \$350 for non-ALA members. Candidates who choose to take an approved course may have to pay a fee set by the course provider. There is no cost for submitting portfolios. Candidates have four years to complete the program.

The LSSC Program website, [www.ala-apa.org/lssc](http://www.ala-apa.org/lssc), has complete information about the competency sets, approved courses, and how to develop a portfolio. The Program has adopted ten competencies sets; Candidates are required to show achievement of three sets -- Foundations of Library Service, Communication and Teamwork, and Technology – and must choose three additional sets from Access Services, Adult Readers' Advisory Services, Cataloging and Classification, Collection Management, Reference and Information Services, Supervision and Management, and Youth Services.

## **JAN 2010 STATE LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTED REF RESOURCES**

As part of its internal staff development, the Information Services section highlights a reference resource at their weekly reference meetings. They then post these hopefully useful highlights at <http://hiddengems-asl.blogspot.com/>. In January 2010 they highlighted:

Newton, David E. 2003. The Encyclopedia of Air. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press <http://hiddengems-asl.blogspot.com/2009/01/encyclopedia-of-air.html>

Phillip, George and Son. 2006. Firefly Atlas of North America: United States, Canada & Mexico. Buffalo, NY: Firefly.

<http://hiddengems-asl.blogspot.com/2010/01/firefly-atlas-of-north-america.html> (This is a general atlas, not a bug finder.)

International City Managers' Association, International City Management Association, and International City/County Management Association. 1934. The municipal year book. Chicago: International City Manager's Association.

<http://hiddengems-asl.blogspot.com/2009/11/municipal-year-book.html>

Have an RSS reader? Subscribe to updates of "Hidden Gems" at <http://hiddengems-asl.blogspot.com/feeds/posts/default>.

### **FROM THE SELDOVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BLOG PAGE**

One of the things that the library board discussed at their last meeting was how to make the large format books, shelved on the very top of our bookcases, more accessible to library users.

Thanks to board member Tracy Philpot's recruitment efforts, we now have a gorgeous handcrafted wooden step stool that was made and donated to the library by Dick Yingling.



Thanks, Dick, for making getting to that top shelf a whole lot less scary!

## **FREE TRAINING SESSIONS OF INTEREST NEXT WEEK**

February 16 (10-11 am) **FiLBeRt Roundtable Discussion: The Future of Libraries, Books, and Reading (OPAL)** The shared futures of libraries, books, and reading seem very hazy at present. Join us for a monthly, lively, informal discussion of new developments, challenges, and opportunities. It'll be a roundtable, so everyone is welcome to chime in. If it's a FiLBeRt discussion, it's going to be nutty! For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.opal-online.org/progschno.htm>

February 16 (11-12 pm) **Off The Shelf: Looking Beyond Libraries for Innovation and Inspiration (Infopeople Webinar)** This webinar will highlight places to look outside the library for creative points of view that can easily be adapted for libraries by using free resources to engage your community. Gain a fresh perspective on innovation and learn how other industries are dealing with it during tough times. At the end of this one-hour webinar, attendees will be familiar with \* Non-library sources that provide insight to library issues \* use iTunes for library and/ or personal development \* At least two ways to engage the community in the library For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/list>

February 16 (11-12 pm) **Library Laws for the Web Environment - The Mobile User (Infopeople Webinar)** Those attending this webinar will receive: \* sample language for library signs regarding photography and videography \* guidance on when users need permission to post videos or pictures of library patrons \* an update on legal status of porn in the library - on the users' own devices \* information on what accessibility of library websites is required by law for people with disabilities This one-hour webinar will be of interest to library managers, anyone who works public service, those who create content for library social networking sites, and those looking for guidance regarding a variety of situations facing libraries using the mobile web and social networking. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/list>

February 17 (7-8 am) **School's Out @ Your Public Library: Program Ideas for After School (Texas State Library & Archives Commission)** Providing innovative programming for the school-age crowd during the school year can be a challenge, especially when libraries are competing with children's busy after-school schedules. Participants in this webinar will learn how to provide fun and educational programs for children ages 5-12 that will have them running to your library after the school bell rings. Programs featured include Chess Club, Fun with Science, Art Explorers, Craft Time, and a KidTrekkers around the world cultural program. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/webinars/afterschoolprograms/index.html>

February 19 (8-10 am) **Spreading the Word with Free Online Tools (BCR)** Once you've got great programming and new tools in place, just how do you let your patrons know about it? In times like these, we're not exactly able to take out full page ads in the local paper, and even printing up a few hundred flyers may be out of the reach for our budgets. In this talk, we'll explore ways you can use blogs and social networks like twitter and facebook to promote your library's collection and programs. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.bcr.org/training/schedule/programdetail.php?programid=426>

February 19 (8-9:30 am) **Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going? (College of DuPage Teleconference)** Librarians are justly proud of their accomplishments in organizing the world's published information through the use of standard subject headings and the ubiquitous, demanding MARC record. But, with the explosion of more information stored electronically, are our old standards still relevant today? Has keyword trumped the subject heading? Librarians also see their roles changing as more

information description and metadata production are handled by other professionals. Will online tagging or vendor descriptions diminish the need for librarians? Questions are rife on what exactly are the thrust of RDA and the new AACR2? For more information and to register for this program, visit:  
<http://www.bcr.org/training/partners/teleconferences/index.html>

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