



FEATURED WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

[Is It True? How to Verify Digital Sources Like a Rock Star](#)

Date: March 06, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

Location: Online

The ability for anyone to upload content, and to label or describe it as being from a certain event, leaves many librarians and patrons terrified about being hoaxed or providing research on false content. Some people go out of their way to deliberately hoax news organizations and the public by creating fake news, fake websites, inventing Twitter accounts, Photoshopping images, or editing videos.



Verification is a key skill, made possible through free, online tools and old-fashioned evaluation techniques. No technology can automatically verify a piece of personally created content with 100 percent certainty. However, the human eye or traditional investigations aren't enough either. It's the combination of the two.

We will investigate the verification process to help avoid hoaxes and learn how to use online tools that will help.

[Understand the Differences Between Digitization, Preservation, and Curation](#)

Date: March 10, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

Location: Online

This session will focus on the ideas of digitization, digital preservation, and digital curation. What do these terms mean and why does everyone keep using them interchangeably? In this webinar, we'll touch on how to define these different categories of digital work for ourselves, and for our administrators, so we can advocate for the work we need to be doing and choose the right tools and workflows to get started. These three areas of work can get complex, so we'll keep the webinar focused on top-level definitions and how to get started with them.



Understanding and Exploring Other Realities - Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed

Date: March 11, 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EASTERN

Location: SWFLN Office
13120 Westlinks Terrace, Unit 3
Fort Myers, FL 33913



Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Realities are nothing new. Businesses have been using it for years – from educating employees in simulated environments to running meetings. Gamers have been using these technologies; from apps like Pokemon Go to full-blown headsets through companies such as PlayStation, Oculus, and HTC. As these technologies continued to evolve and transform, they have made major impacts within educational spaces; especially from the perspective of the educational value that comes from it. Companies like Magic Leap and Microsoft took it to another level with their all-in-one headsets to further define what can be done in other realities.

This hands-on-session explores the history, implementations, and uses of AR/VR/MR technologies. We will be experimenting with apps and programs not readily available in the market space, interacting together in virtual worlds, coming up with ideas in which we can implement in our libraries, and learning about all the technology that exists in the space.

Sensory Storytimes

Date: March 18, 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EASTERN

Location: SWFLN Office
13120 Westlinks Terrace, Unit 3
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Offering a Storytime for children with special needs is one way public libraries can develop literacy skills in children with disabilities and support their caregivers and families.

This hands-on workshop will address why Sensory Storytimes are important, what a Sensory Storytime is, and how to offer Sensory Storytimes effectively.

Participants will explore and understand the concepts of the Universal Design for Learning and how these can be applied to library Storytimes; experience a wide variety of Sensory Storytime strategies and activities; work in small groups to develop and share ideas for sensory adaptations of stories; investigate effective approaches to program logistics, marketing, and dealing with disruptive behaviors; and leave with at least one sensory story to share immediately.



Video Editing

Date: March 19, 2020

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EASTERN

Location: Online



Video has become one of the most effective digital marketing strategies; it can also help learners better understand complex topics. Videos are one of the preferred methods to consume content so, if done right, your video will have a lasting impression. In this webinar, you will learn about free and open-source video editing applications.

Be Your Best You: Emotional Intelligence + Impostor Syndrome

Date: March 25, 2020

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EASTERN

Location: SWFLN Office

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13120 Westlinks Terrace, Unit 3

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EASTERN

Fort Myers, FL 33913

Morning Session: Emotional Intelligence: What It Is and Why It Matters

Emotional Intelligence – maybe you’ve heard the term, but what in the world does it mean? The short answer is simply being intelligent about emotions – yours and others’. The longer – and much more interesting – answer will fascinate you.

What are emotions anyway? Are we even aware of them when they happen? Can we control them? How do they affect our relationships? Why does Emotional Intelligence matter? Can we improve our Emotional Intelligence?

All these questions and more will be answered in this intriguing workshop – don’t miss it!

Afternoon Session: Impostor Syndrome: Will the Real You Please Stand Up?

Have you ever found yourself thinking, “What if they really knew me?” Or maybe, “I have no idea what I’m doing – why did they pick me??” Or anything else along those lines that indicates you suspect you are not as capable as others seem to think? But you ARE capable! You CAN do it! You DESERVE that promotion, challenge, or opportunity!

Sometimes it can be challenging to work in an environment that might be considered “intellectual” – even when we consider ourselves intelligent, well-read, etc. And for those of us surrounded by “higher-degreed” individuals – and those on the path to gaining even more knowledge – that environment can also be daunting.

Please register for both sessions through the links above!



Stork Storytime Helps Libraries Deliver Literacy

Date: March 26, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

Location: Online



Stork Storytime is an expecting family education initiative that encourages families to develop a daily reading routine before baby arrives, learn about early literacy skills, and empowers caregivers to be more confident in their role as a child's first teacher. Attendees will learn about the variety of programs that have been developed including the ongoing Reads program, yearly Expo, monthly Talks podcast, and a free online Stork Storytime Reads Librarian Toolkit. This toolkit empowers even the smallest of libraries in implementing the Reads program, saving valuable time and resources.



New Kits!

Bits 'N Bytes to Borrow



Our Bits 'N Bytes to Borrow program continues to expand into 2020, with a number of S.T.R.E.A.M. kits for you to use in your programming. Learn about circuitry and programming with our [Augmented Reality Books](#), [LittleBits](#), [Squishy Circuits](#), and [Wonder Pack Robots](#), as well as our always popular [Spheros](#) and [Ozobots](#).

Our kits are free to borrow for our members, so let us help you bring something new to your patrons, without dipping into your budget!

WISH UPON A SHELL

Do you, or a co-worker, have an idea for future training, or want to learn about a specific subject? [Click here](#) and submit your ideas, we can't wait to hear from you.

