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Community Connections Is Back & Better Than Ever!

Hello everyone and welcome back to the *Community Connections* e-newsletter! I'm Brittany Wright, and I began work in the Bureau of Library Development as the Community Engagement & Resources Consultant at the end of September 2020.

I look forward to working with library staff throughout Florida to support your efforts in planning community outreach activities, showcasing statewide program opportunities, and telling your library's stories.



Please email me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or call 850.245.6636, if there is anything I can do to support you, or with ideas you would like to explore together.

E-Government Work Group is Now Connection Creators!

county and local resources, organized by county.



Career and job resources
from the Florida
Electronic Library.

The E-Government Work Group has been relaunched and renamed "Connection Creators." Each of us has a work connection to at least one Florida library, and that connection extends to patrons, the community and partners supporting your mission.



One goal of this work group is to hold a quarterly discussion about how to foster and strengthen these connections. For example, discussion topics can be about how to create a disaster plan, resources that are useful before/during/after a disaster, how to handle responsibilities as a Voter Registration Agency, and much more.

The first quarterly meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 24 from 2 - 3 p.m. Eastern.**

Registration is not required. Library staff and partners with this link may join:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/ContinuingEducationBLD/connection-creators>

If you have any questions, contact me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.

How Do You Communicate?

Communication is a core skill required to connect and engage with your community. I recently attended a webinar by Linda Bruno called "The Art of Communication." I learned that there are three main types of communication and learning styles: audio, visual and kinesthetic.

For example: A person who communicates visually will be more engaged if instructions or an event involves visual elements, whereas a kinesthetic communicator prefers a more active, hands-on approach to sharing and learning.

I believe this webinar presents valuable information about how to communicate with those whose style differs from your own. You have your own preferred form of communication, and it's likely your patrons and colleagues do as well.

An archive of the webinar can be found here: [The Art of Communication](#)



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Tax Season Preparedness

Tax season is just around the corner: are your documents in order? The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has a page of accessibility resources, including printable forms in large print. If your library has access to a Braille printer, Braille-ready forms are also available.

You can download the forms here: [Accessible Tax Forms & Products](#)



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Vision Screening Query

Do you hold vision screenings at your library? If so, I would like to hear about your experience hosting this service and how it dovetails with your library's mission.

If not, are you interested in holding vision screenings at your library?

Thank you in advance for your input.

Contact me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.



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Grow with Google: Learn at the Library

Grow with Google is a workforce development program that provides online training and tools for local business leaders, teachers and students, developers, and job seekers. Google collaborated with libraries to create "Learn at the Library," a video collection of short lessons and pertinent resources "to help grow your small business, advance your career, or tackle a personal project."

Some lessons explain how to write a business plan or cover letter for your first job and how to plan effective meetings.

For more information visit the following link: [Learn at the Library](#)

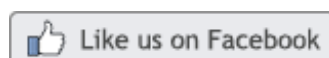
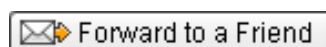


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