



Community Connections



The Community Engagement and Resources Program Newsletter

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E-Government & Job Resources



Statewide portal for county and local resources, organized by county.



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

Connection Creators

It's almost time for the next meeting of the Community Engagement Workgroup, **Connection Creators!** The goal of this workgroup is to hold a quarterly discussion about how to support the services libraries provide to the community and how to market these services.



Discussion topics for the meeting:

- Challenges during hurricane preparedness and recovery.
- Library Card Sign-Up Month.
- National Preparedness Month.
- Community Gardens.
- Workforce Development.

We also discuss marketing and outreach aspects of community engagement, brainstorming new ways to promote your community services.

This quarter's meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 15, from 2 - 3 p.m. Eastern.** A recording will be available for those who cannot attend.

[Register now](#)

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021
2 to 3 p.m. Eastern**

Please let me know if you're interested in attending and have a topic you'd like discussed. Send me an email at Brittany.Wright@dos.myflorida.com or phone me: 850.245.6636.

Florida Library Jobs is a listing of job openings for library and information science-related positions in Florida.

Thank you in advance for your interest and input!

Call for Participation

The Social Work Approach in Public Libraries: Exploring Current Practice to Inform LIS and Social Work Education

Have you ever participated in a research project? Researchers from Florida State University would like to interview librarians, managers (main or branch libraries) and library social workers about the emerging practice of providing social workers in public libraries to assist library users. To the extent possible, the researchers would like urban, suburban and rural libraries represented, as well as representation from the various regions of the state.

The researchers are interested in hearing about your experiences and opinions to understand how this practice is being received in the field, how social services are being used in public libraries and how current practices might inform library and social work education. The researchers' long-term goal is to improve library services, programs and outreach activities as well as pre-service and continuing education.

If you are selected, you will be asked to participate in a Zoom interview that will last approximately one hour. **Interview participants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift certificate to compensate for their time.**

The researchers would like to hear from you, whether or not you are currently working with a social worker in your library. Please note: you must be 18 years old to participate, and you must work in a public library in Florida.

If you are interested in taking part in this study, please [complete a short survey](#) that should take less than five minutes. If you are chosen to participate, you will be contacted by a member of the research team.

This project is funded by the Florida State University Council on Research and Creativity.

For more information, please contact:
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Did You Know? The Nature Conservancy's Nature Lab



The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit organization working to create a world where

people and nature can thrive. Their Nature Lab provides educational resources such as virtual field trips and how to create a community garden at your school.

Learn More: [Nature Conservancy Nature Lab](#)

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WebJunction Webinar: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's *Your Money, Your Goals*: Financial Empowerment for Your Community

Join this session to explore resources you can use with patrons working on their financial goals. Hear from the Norfolk Public Library about how they are using *Your Money, Your Goals* resources to close the financial literacy gap in their community. And also learn about ALA's Financial Literacy Interest Group – a place to find support and share best practices for financial literacy in all libraries and communities.

[Register Here](#)

September 22, 2021

3 – 4 p.m. Eastern



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