



# Youth Services Webinar Bundle

## Building Engagement with Restorative Practices for Teens

*[Recorded 4/24/24]*

Many libraries react to negative behavior by suspending or restricting services for youth. Leaders at Columbus Metropolitan Library collaborated on restorative practice tools to change that approach. Restorative practices can help strengthen relationships within communities by offering equitable and collaborative responses to behavior. This panel will discuss local successes and challenges with restorative practices and the path forward to weave these ideas into the culture of libraries.

### Learning Objectives:

- Understand how restorative practices are both a model for increased engagement and positive incident response with youth.
- Apply practical knowledge to increase youth inclusion and equitable social justice responses.
- Envision and communicate how to incorporate restorative practices into their own processes, policies, and culture to support youth.

Presenters: Lea Mathis, Summer Sherman & Heather West, Columbus Metropolitan Library

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## The Science of Reading: You Don't Have to be a Scientist to Understand It

*[Recorded 3/13/24]*

Phonics. Vocabulary. Comprehension. These are just a few of the components of the science of reading. It's not a curriculum or a special program schools are using to better align with Ohio's plan to raise literacy achievement; it's all the research behind the best ways we learn to read. And libraries have been using this information since the early 2000s through the six early literacy skills and the Every Child Ready to Read program. In this webinar, we will focus on what the science of reading actually tells us about how children learn to read, Ohio's plan, and what it all means for libraries. Past attendance or background knowledge of the Every Child Ready to Read program is encouraged, but not required.

### Learning objectives:

- Understand what the science of reading is and what it tells us about how children learn to read
- Understand Ohio's plan to raise literacy achievement
- Discuss how libraries can support students, families, and schools through collection development and programming

Presenter: Julia Shaheen, Literacy Manager at Stark Library

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## Library Boot Camp: Unlocking the World of Youth Services in Public Libraries

[Recorded 2/21/24]

Explore the multifaceted responsibilities of a youth services department, ensuring that the diverse needs of the youth demographic are met and celebrated. Kathleen and Carolyn will guide you through the essential pillars of youth library services, including programming, collection development, reference services, outreach efforts, and community engagement initiatives. These are the core elements that help build a strong and well-rounded youth services department within a public library.

Learning Objectives:

- Collection – Ensuring the library has materials that meet the needs of all youth.
- Programming – The library's role in supporting youth through library programming with a focus on Every Child Ready to Read, diversity, and the 40 Developmental Assets
- Outreach/Community Engagement – Ensuring the library supports organizations that support youth.

Presenter: Carrie Burrier & Kathleen Mockensturm, Akron-Summit County Public Library

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## So You are a New Children's Librarian Supervisor or you Want to be One?

[Recorded 12/5/23]

What do you need to know? Children's Supervisors juggle onboarding and supporting staff, scheduling staff, programming, and outreach...and a lot more. Learn the basics you need to run a successful children's department.

Learning objectives:

- Learn the steps to successfully onboard new children's staff and support them in their roles.
- Learn tips on creating a work schedule and a programming schedule that meets the needs of their community.
- Learn how to connect with community resources such as local schools, childcare centers, and nonprofit agencies.

Presenter: Julia Boxler & Maria Trivisonno, Cuyahoga County Public Library

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## Social-Emotional Learning and the Library

*[Recorded 11/2/23]*

This social-emotional learning webinar will address your frustration with trying to contain and redirect the boundless energy of young people in the library. You will build a deeper understanding of why youths act the way that they do, and hands-on tools to encourage their best choices. Additionally, you will discover existing programs that actively and effectively build social-emotional intelligence, and inspiration to develop your own..

### Learning Objectives:

- Following the webinar, participants will be able to describe the origins of youth's behaviors.
- At the end of the webinar, participants will be able to apply socially-emotionally aware communication tools.
- Upon completion of the webinar, participants will be able to identify library programs that effectively encourage social-emotional intelligence.

Presenters: Adina Bloom Lewcowicz & Anna Heinz

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## Challenged, banned but in high demand: Why all children need LGBTQIA+ books more than ever

*[Recorded 5/24/22]*

Making certain LGBTQIA+ books are accessible for all children is more important than ever, but would-be censors are making it much more difficult. We will talk about why these books are a critical part of your collection and how to deal with would-be censors and other stakeholders. We will suggest ways to make sure your teens continue to view your library as a safe space with the books they need. And finally, we will share some of the newest books published in the past year.

### Learning objectives:

- You will learn why LGBTQIA+ books are critical to your collection
- You will learn how to deal with would-be-censors
- You will learn ways to make sure teens feel they have a safe space at the library

Presenters: Dr. Christina Dorr & Liz Deskins

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## **Authentic Voices in Children's and Teen Literature: What's Socioeconomics Got to Do with It?**

*[Recorded 4/19/22]*

A superb high school librarian, in a discussion of making a place for all stories, explained the groups she was expanding her collection to more accurately and completely represent. When I asked about voices of those living in generational poverty, she paused and very honestly replied, "I never thought about representation and socioeconomics." And proceeded to ask me about titles. So in this webinar, we will do just that: think about our children and teens navigating the world today living in poverty – both their joys and challenges. And how to develop our collections to represent their voices. There will be time for questions and answers, and sharing our stories.

Learning objectives:

- Think about our children and teens navigating the world today living in poverty
- How to develop our collections to represent their voices

Presenter: Dr. Christina Dorr

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## **Consistent Programming and Unrelenting Empathy: Building a Teen Audience**

*[Recorded 4/5/22]*

Reaching the teens in your community can be tough even in the best of times, but the COVID-19 pandemic has left many of us wondering: where did all the teens go? Join Steve Moser and Sarah Amazing, long-time teen librarians, as we share our tried-and-true strategies and brainstorm some new ideas. While there's no guarantee that if you do this they will come, it has worked for countless libraries. Through a multi-step process, learn how to help set yourself up for success.

Learning objectives:

- Learn the importance of creating a safe, welcoming space for ALL teens
- Develop strategies for determining teens' needs & interests and connecting them to programs
- Refresh their planning & marketing knowledge

Presenters: Sarah Amazing & Steve Moser

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## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Youth Literature

[Recorded 11/9/21]

All children need to see themselves and people in our world in books. Building an inclusive collection is challenging. It's more than a diversity list. It requires reflection, investigation, exploration, and analysis. Tiffeni Fontno, Head Librarian, Educational Resource Center, Boston College, will talk about diverse collection building, evaluating, and resources to acquire diverse children's literature.

Learning objectives:

- Evaluating how cultural competency influences book selection and services
- Defining criteria to evaluate diverse children's literature
- Assemble resources to develop a profile for selecting diverse materials

Presenter: Tiffeni Fontno, Head Librarian of the Educational Resource Center at Boston College.

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## Gaming & Esports in Libraries

[Recorded 4/14/21]

Tristan Wheeler initiated and runs the fast-growing and popular series of gaming events at the Cleveland Public Library, now called CPL Play. Patrons of all ages, genders, and backgrounds experience a wide variety of ways to play, from video games to board games, all while creating and developing new relationships. Gaming and esports events provide an environment of both cooperative and competitive gaming, exposing patrons to the many different facets of gaming and videogame culture.

Attendees are given the opportunity to learn about the business of video games, including professional gaming, the latest trends in technology, entrepreneurial opportunities, and the many jobs that exist within this field. With access to the hardware, software, community, educational opportunities, and many resources available at the library, patrons are given the tools and materials they need to pursue different pathways to success.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn what esports are
- Learn ways that games-related programming can strengthen your library
- Learn how to establish them

Presenter: Tristan Wheeler, Audiovisual & Event Planning Specialist at the Cleveland Public Library.

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