



RRU 2024 Workshop Schedule



Host a Family Game Night! | Children | Public |

Kristi Favaloro, Skidompha Public Library

Tabletop games are not only a fun way for families to connect; they also provide an opportunity for social emotion learning. Hosting a monthly family game night at your school or public library is beneficial for everyone involved. Participants will learn how to simplify the logistics of running this type of program, and they will also have a chance to play recommended games.

To Genrify or NOT to Genrify: Smackdown! | All Ages |

*Michelle Wyler, Ellsworth High School Library | Katie Hessler, Ellsworth High School Library
Other Panel Members TBA*

Katie Hessler and Michelle Wyler will state many excellent reasons NOT to genrify a high school fiction section. We seek one or two brave souls (TBD) who have already genrified to declare their reasons in favor of it. Now that some librarians across the country have begun ungenrifying back to alphabetical by author, we believe this will be a relevant, lively, and passionate conversation.

Future-Forward Librarianship: Navigating AI Opportunities and Challenges | All Ages | School |

Cidney Mayes, South Portland Middle School Library | Beth Andersen, Dyer Elementary School Library

Discover the potential of AI tools to enhance education with purpose and intention, tackling concerns, showcasing effective instructional use, and addressing equity issues in the evolving landscape of AI in education.

Partnering for a Teen-Centered High School Library | Teens | School |

Laura Phelps, Lincoln Academy | Ella Pendleton, Lincoln Academy Student

Discover how one high school library kickstarted student interest in the North Star YA Award, developed a cult Books & Breakfast following and used a student-led Library Team to drive school-wide literacy initiatives. This presentation will be co-led by Lincoln Academy HS senior Ella Pendleton and librarian Laura Phelps.

Curtains Up on Community Collaboration | Children |

Carrow MacLean, McArthur Public Library | John Shannon, McArthur Public Library

Join Carrow MacLean, Youth Services Outreach Lead at McArthur Public Library for a presentation of McArthur Library's collaboration with Biddeford's City Theater to learn about the synergy of two historic landmarks converging into a spectacular summer theater program. Gain valuable insights on how you can replicate such success in your outreach programming, explore innovative approaches to invigorate your community partnerships, and foster stronger relationships with the local institutions that make Maine unique!



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Homeschool Programming: From Free to Fabulous | Children | Public |

Sheila Dube, Springvale Public Library

Springvale Public Library has been offering programs for homeschooling families since 2016. Learn how coding, community history, wildlife exploration, simple chemistry and library skills can be presented in fun, interactive and extremely frugal ways. For those who are building a program for homeschooling families from scratch or are needing to breathe new ideas into your standard programming routine.

Fostering Student Empathy Through Diverse Stories | All Ages |

George Jreije, Author

I had the honor of doing school visits in Lewiston just a week before the awful shooting, and one thing I took away is the diverse student population, which we're seeing growing in Maine. This dialogue provides a framework for encouraging diverse books (with examples) as a means of fostering new readers who feel represented as well as helping students foster empathy for their classmates.

Unified Literacy: Building an Inclusive Community of Readers, Learners, and Leaders | Teens | School |

Dawn Lee, Morse High School Library | Jonathan Fisk, Morse High School

Unified Literacy is a collaboratively taught class at Morse High School that applies the mentor and mentee model, with general education and functional life skills students, to build a community of readers, learners, and leaders. Unified Literacy integrates reading, art, writing, field trips, and board games to promote reading and inclusion. Led by students enrolled in the program and their teachers, Dawn Lee, school librarian, and Jonathan Fisk, special education teacher, this workshop shares how Unified Literacy can be used in communities to foster inclusion for all students and community members. Displays of literacy, writing, and art activities, curriculum, and the class literary and art publication are available to view.

Visual Impact: Enhancing Education with Canva | All Ages | School |

Martha Thibodeau, Maine Department of Education

Canva is the all-in-one design app that every teacher needs! With Canva you can easily create documents, flyers, videos, brochures, websites and so much more! In this session, we'll get a taste of some of these amazing features and explore them through fun design activities. If you haven't already signed up for Canva please make sure you do before you come, it's FREE for all teachers!

Budget Friendly Book Repair | All Ages |

Jonica Garland, Maine State Library

In this session, we will address some common types of book damage and bring easy-to-implement solutions to help libraries keep their books circulating longer. These are basic book repairs that anyone can do! Bring a book of your own to practice on. We'll have materials available.



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5-6PM

Building Community: Exploring the Art of Passive Programming in Libraries

| All Ages |

Jill Hooper, Freeport Middle School | Mary Lehmer, Freeport Community Library

Join us for an enlightening workshop that delves into the realm of passive programming, a subtle yet powerful approach to engage library patrons. Passive programming involves creating activities and experiences that allow patrons to participate at their own pace, fostering a sense of community and learning without the need for direct facilitation.

Which Hills to Die On: Solo/Nearly Solo Librarianship

| All Ages |

Abigail Thompson, Rangeley Lakes Regional School

Whether you are the only librarian in your district, your school building, or your town, being a solo/nearly solo librarian is an intensely rewarding and challenging experience. In this session, we will collaborate on practical tips and tricks and build the connections we need to not only survive as solos but thrive.

Building an Adapted Library Program in the Elementary School Library

| Children | School |

Regan Parker, Buxton Center Elementary School

Are you looking for books and activities to use for adapted library times? This workshop will share ideas that you can use with Functional Life Skills classes during their library visits.

Digital Dash: Discovering Dynamic AI Tools for Today's Tech-Savvy Librarian

| All Ages |

Nicole Karod, Mt. Ararat | Martha Thibodeau, Mt. Blue

This is a high-energy session designed for librarians eager to rapidly update their technological toolkit. Participants will be introduced to a curated collection of cutting-edge artificial intelligence tools that promise to wow. Attendees will not only witness live demonstrations of each tool but also gain insights into practical applications. Perfect for the fast-paced learner, this session will leave all educators equipped and excited to implement innovative solutions and learn more about artificial intelligence.

Better Together - Creating and Nourishing Community Partnerships

| All Ages |

Nicole Rancourt, Maine Humanities Council | Lizz Sinclair, Maine Humanities Council

In order to do our work, we at the Maine Humanities Council deeply rely on partnerships with individuals, organizations, and communities throughout the state. Building these connections and maintaining strong relationships is an intentional practice – one that we regularly reflect on and prioritize in our annual work plans. Let's talk about some of the mistakes we've made, approaches we use, and how we strategize. We hope you'll join the discussion!



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Inclusive Materials as an Essential Building Block of Your Collection | All Ages |

Kathy Lester, American Association of School Libraries

AASL Immediate-Past President, Kathy Lester, will discuss why inclusive materials are important to youth and why they are an essential building block in your collection. She will also share the Michigan Association of School Librarians "MISelf in Books" annual list of books for all learners which is an excellent resource for both school and public librarians.

Empowering Expression: The Intersection of Media Arts & Social Emotional Learning | All Ages | School |

Jeff Ireland, Maine Department of Education | Tracy Williamson, Maine Department of Education

In the current era of communication, students require more than just reading and writing skills. They also need to develop visual, social and emotional literacy. Incorporating Media Arts, such as video, digital art, music and design, in any content area can aid in developing self-awareness and empathy towards others. This session will present simple strategies for utilizing Media Arts to encourage self-expression and foster relationship skills through design challenges and creative problem-solving.

Building Collaboration to Ignite Connection | Teens | School |

Meghan Haugevik, Frank H. Harrison Middle School | Brandie Burrows, Yarmouth School Department

Do you struggle collaborating successfully across content areas? Come to our workshop-style presentation to hear and experience effective collaboration strategies, sample lessons across content areas, and build your confidence in networking yourself to your colleagues!

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Cream of the Crop | All Ages |

A Reading Round Up staple! Come hear from members of the Southern Maine Library District's Book Review Groups about the best books published in 2023.