

CONTINUING EDUCATION CATALOG

**Mississippi Library Commission
July-December 2026**



Registering for Events

- Only in-person events require registration. An email will be sent with a link to a registration form before the event. Once registered, you'll receive an email with the event information.
- For all other events, an email will be sent with the link to the Zoom session prior to the event.

Certificates of Attendance and Continuing Education Units

Certificates of attendance to Mississippi Library Commission events are available for library staff and continuing education units are available for licensed educators for qualifying events. These must be requested when registering for an in-person event or during a live Zoom training provided the attendee's camera remains on during the training.

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When: July 1, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

Magnolia Hour: EBSCO User Interface Updates

When: July 14, 10:00am – 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline & Reference Staff

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: This session will cover practical guidance on recent EBSCO interface updates in MAGNOLIA, including navigating the updated layout, helping patrons search, locating articles and resources, and using the MyEBSCO dashboard.

OCLC: An Overview of Features

When: July 17, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Cataloging & Processing Staff

Presenter: Amy Turnbull

Description: This training introduces public librarians to the core features and services available through OCLC, including cataloging, resource sharing, discovery tools, and collection management. Participants will learn how OCLC products support efficient workflows and improve access to library materials. We'll include best practices for daily use and tips for maximizing the value of OCLC tools to support library operations.

[Virtual Frontline Training: Evaluating Information Sources](#)

When: July 21, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: Knowing how to evaluate the sources of the information we provide patrons is key to providing reliable, trustworthy assistance. This training equips staff with practical skills for evaluating the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of information sources. We'll cover how to assess multiple formats including print, digital, and social media content.

[Reference Quarterly Training: MLC's Reference Databases](#)

When: July 22, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline & Reference Staff

Presenter: Alex Brower

Description: Are you interested in the tools MLC's reference librarians have in their research arsenal? Come learn about the databases you can access from your home or library with an MLC card, as well as those that our reference staff can search on your behalf. We'll introduce all our subscription databases, show how staff can use both options to help patrons, and tell you how to sign up for an MLC card.

[Virtual Manager Training: Creativity for Leaders](#)

When: July 28, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Michael Jordan

Description: Creativity in leadership is crucial for problem solving and innovation. Michael Jordan will share creative thinking techniques that stimulate new ways of thinking to create a constant stream of fresh and original ideas. He'll also discuss expanding and applying these techniques to different types of leadership situations.

Public Relations Happy Hour

When: August 4, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Public Relations & Marketing Staff

Facilitator: Katie White

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Youth Services Happy Hour

When: August 5, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

Public Library Directors' Meeting

When: August 6 – 7

Format: In Person at MLC + Hybrid via Zoom

Intended Audience: Directors or their Designees

Description: PLD meetings offer public library directors valuable opportunities for information sharing, education, and networking. These sessions cover a range of topics and provide updates on the latest developments at MLC.

[Special Collections Happy Hour](#)

When: August 7, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services & Programming Staff

Description: Join fellow librarians for an informal happy hour focused on MLC's Special Collections. This gathering offers an opportunity to share ideas and explore creative ways to use special collections to engage your communities. Discover new programming ideas and build connections with colleagues who are passionate about offering new ideas and services to their patrons.

[Magnolia Hour: Library Displays with Magnolia](#)

When: August 12, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: We'll cover practical ways to create adult and youth library displays using multimedia resources, reliable background information, and planning tools to support patron engagement, school assignments, and seasonal themes.

[Surprise! You're an ILL Librarian!](#)

When: August 13, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Interlibrary Loan Staff

Presenter: Elisabeth Scott

Description: One day you're covering a desk shift, updating displays, or planning programs—and the next, you're the library's interlibrary loan expert. Sound familiar? This session is designed those who have found themselves responsible for ILL services, whether by chance, necessity, or circumstance. We'll cover the basics of borrowing and lending, demystify common terminology and workflows, explore best practices for serving patrons, and share practical tips for handling requests with confidence.

Frontline Staff Training: Communication & Customer Service

When: August 18, 8:45am - 4:00pm

Format: In Person at MLC

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Dr. Lindsey Lewis

Description: Join us for a practical, full day session focused on communication, customer service, conflict resolution, and workplace interactions. Participants will learn useful strategies for handling everyday situations, improving communication, and working more effectively with patrons and coworkers. A link to the registration form will be sent to directors.

Virtual Frontline Training: Collection Development for Beginners

When: August 19, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: New to selecting library materials? This introductory training provides a practical overview of collection development, covering key concepts such as selection criteria, community needs, collection policies, and weeding. Whether you're responsible for purchasing materials or simply want to better understand the process, this session will help you build a strong foundation.

Managerial Staff Training: Leadership Essentials

When: August 25, 8:45am - 4:00pm

Format: In Person at MLC

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Dr. Lindsey Lewis

Description: Dr. Lewis will present a practical leadership session focused on communication, accountability, coaching, conflict resolution, and managing workplace challenges. Participants will learn tools for setting expectations, supporting staff development, and leading teams more effectively. A link to the registration form will be sent to directors.

[Comfy Shoes, a Lanyard, and a Plan: Making Conferences Work for You](#)

When: August 21, 10:00am

Format: Recorded Webinar

Intended Audience: All Staff

Presenter: Louisa Whitfield-Smith

Description: Two major library conferences are especially accessible this fall: the Association for Rural & Small Libraries conference (Sept. 16-19) in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Mississippi Library Association conference (Oct. 21-23), held entirely online. We'll share practical tips from conference leaders, presenters, and attendees to help both new and experienced participants make the most of their time, from choosing sessions to navigating the vendor floor.

[Virtual Manager Training: Rethinking Library Spaces Through Accessibility](#)

When: August 26, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Natalie Dunaway

Description: This introductory session explores how to create more welcoming spaces by considering the needs of people with a wide range of disabilities and access needs. Participants will learn practical strategies for evaluating physical spaces, identifying barriers, and making meaningful improvements that enhance the library experience for all users.

[Special Collections Quarterly: Back to School](#)

When: August 27, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Programming & Youth Services Staff

Presenter: Charlie Simpkins

Description: Whether you're new to utilizing MLC's Special Collections or looking for a refresher, it's time to head back to class. This session introduces MLC's Special Collections available for checkout that can help enrich your back-to-school programs and displays. We'll explore items that encourage curiosity, creativity, and support patrons as they transition into the new school year.

Youth Services Happy Hour

When: September 2, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

FY 26 Statistics Training

When: September 3, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Directors & Administrators

Presenter: Natalie Dunaway

Description: This year's statistics training includes a refresher on data element definitions, edit checks & their annotations, and a review of common questions.

Human Resources Happy Hour

When: September 3, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Directors & Human Resources Staff

Facilitator: Sidney Cobb

Description: Join us for an engaging happy hour focused on human resources essentials. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of other professionals, share experiences, and learn best practices in a supportive, informal setting.

[Programming Quarterly Training: Collaborative Art Projects for All Ages](#)

When: September 4, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Programming & Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Sharon Zala

Description: Collaborative art projects are a creative way to engage patrons of all ages. We'll provide ideas for multiple age groups as well as intergenerational projects that allow the whole community to participate. We'll also cover how to adapt ideas to low-cost materials and items you have on hand.

[Magnolia Hour: NoveList User Interface Updates](#)

When: September 8, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: NoveList has a new, updated interface. We'll provide practical guidance on using NoveList's updated navigation, read-alikes, and resource organization to support readers' advisory and help staff connect patrons with books they may enjoy.

[Technology Quarterly Training: Communicating with Microsoft Teams](#)

When: September 9, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: All Staff

Facilitator: Matt Smith

Description: Whether you're new to Teams or looking to use it more effectively, this session will help you build confidence in navigating the platform. Teams has become an essential tool for collaboration in many libraries, but making the most of its communication features can take practice. This introductory training will cover the basics of using Teams for chats, meetings, file sharing, and team collaboration. We'll also include strategies for organizing conversations, reducing email overload, and improving communication with colleagues.

[Virtual Frontline Training: Introduction to Library Governance & Law](#)

When: September 10, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: Public libraries operate within a framework of laws and governance structures that shape their services and decision-making. This introductory training provides an overview of key concepts in library governance, including the roles and responsibilities of library boards, directors, and staff, as well as the legal requirements that affect operations.

[Virtual Manager Training: Coaching & Mentoring Library Staff](#)

When: September 17, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Michael Finley

Description: Effective supervisors do more than manage daily operations—they help employees grow and succeed. Whether you are a new manager or looking to strengthen your leadership skills, this session will provide tools to help grow your staff to reach their full potential. This introductory training explores the fundamentals of coaching and mentoring staff, including how to provide constructive feedback, support professional development, and foster a positive workplace culture.

[Librarianship 101](#)

When: September 23 - 25

Format: In Person at MLC

Description: Librarianship 101 Institute is for public library staff without a master's degree in library science. It focuses on Mississippi library structure and ethics, programming, collections, readers' advisory, reference, customer service, and more. Participation is through an application process.

[Special Collections Happy Hour](#)

When: October 2, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services & Programming Staff

Description: Join fellow librarians for an informal happy hour focused on MLC's Special Collections. This gathering offers an opportunity to share ideas and explore creative ways to use special collections to engage your communities. Discover new programming ideas, and build connections with colleagues who are passionate about offering new ideas and services to their patrons.

[Youth Services Happy Hour](#)

When: October 7, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

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[Reference Quarterly Training: MLC's PTRC: What It Is & How We Can Help](#)

When: October 8, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline & Reference Staff

Presenter: Sarah Ellison

Description: MLC is designated a Patent & Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. PTRCs provide access to vital resources that support innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property research. This session will explore the services and tools available through MLC's PTRC, including how our reference staff can assist with patent searches, trademark research, and navigating United States Patent and Trademark Office resources.

[Magnolia Hour: Magazine Access on MAGNOLIA](#)

When: October 9, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline & Reference Staff

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: Participants will receive a hands-on demonstration of how to locate full-text magazine resources and learn practical methods for providing patrons with access to articles, current events, and school-related information through the library's available databases.

[E-Rate Workshop](#)

When: October 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Directors & Administrators

Presenter: Sharmaine Frazier

Description: This workshop will assist those who are new to E-rate and refresh those experienced with the E-rate filing process. Discussions will include defining terms, timelines, deadlines, procurements, and forms.

[OCLC: Copy Cataloging](#)

When: October 14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Cataloging & Processing Staff

Presenter: Amy Turnbull

Description: Copy cataloging through OCLC helps libraries provide accurate and consistent bibliographic records without creating records from scratch. This session will guide you through the basics of searching WorldCat, evaluating existing records, and selecting appropriate records for local use using Record Manager. We'll also cover standards for record quality, matching items correctly, and making necessary edits to fit local cataloging practices.

[Virtual Frontline Training: Professional Boundaries with Patrons & Coworkers](#)

When: October 20, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: Clear professional boundaries are essential for maintaining respectful, safe, and effective library environments. This training will explore common boundary challenges that staff may encounter in interactions with both patrons and coworkers, and provide practical strategies for responding appropriately and consistently to maintain a healthy workplace dynamic.

[Virtual Manager Training: Professional Boundaries with Employees & Patrons](#)

When: October 27, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: Managers regularly navigate complex relationships with both patrons and employees that require clear, consistent professional boundaries. We'll examine common boundary challenges and practical approaches for communication, decision-making, and policy enforcement that support a healthy and respectful library environment.

Youth Services Happy Hour

When: November 4, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

Public Library Directors' Leadership Symposium

When: November 4 - 6

Format: In Person at MLC

Intended Audience: Directors or their Designees

Description: The November Leadership Symposium will offer public library directors three days of professional learning, information sharing, and networking focused on leadership, library development, and the evolving needs of Mississippi public libraries. Sessions will include updates from MLC, opportunities for discussion and collaboration, and practical guidance directors can take back to their local systems.

This year's symposium will also include a special celebration of the Mississippi Library Commission's 100th anniversary, recognizing a century of service to Mississippi libraries and looking ahead to the continued role of MLC in supporting strong, connected, and responsive library service statewide.

[Magnolia Hour: Digital Literacy Programming with MAGNOLIA](#)

When: November 10, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Specialists and Programming Librarians

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: This session explores how to use MAGNOLIA to support digital literacy programs for youth patrons, providing practical guidance on planning programs, developing activities, selecting relevant databases, and connecting library resources to youth learning goals.

[Virtual Frontline Training: Working with Neurodivergent Patrons & Coworkers](#)

When: November 12, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Natalie Dunaway

Description: Libraries serve and employ people with a wide range of thinking, learning, and communication styles. This training explores neurodiversity and highlights useful methods for navigating interactions with neurodivergent patrons and coworkers, including individuals who may be autistic, have ADHD, dyslexia, or other neurodivergent traits.

[How to Access Interlibrary Loan's SHAREIt Platform](#)

When: November 13, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Interlibrary Loan Staff

Presenter: Elisabeth Scott

Description: SHAREIt is the system provided by MLC to facilitate Interlibrary Loans for participating Mississippi public, special, and community colleges. Whether you're new to ILL or could use a refresher, this session will provide a general overview of the system's basic features and functionality. We'll dive into some of the recent changes made by Soutron and cover some standard troubleshooting techniques.

[Public Relations Happy Hour](#)

When: November 18, 10:00am – 11:00am

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Public Relations & Marketing Staff

Facilitator: Katie White

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

[Virtual Manager Training: Collection Development for Ages 0-5](#)

When: November 19, 10:00am – 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: This introductory training explores the fundamentals of selecting and evaluating materials for children from birth through age five. We'll discuss the standard formats of the traditional publishing industry, general evaluation criteria, and criteria specifically for public libraries. We'll also cover ways to recognize and evaluate self-published titles and those with AI generated content, to ensure collections are based on informed decisions.

[Special Collections Quarterly: Mississippi History](#)

When: November 20, 10:00am – 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Programming & Youth Services Staff

Presenter: Charlie Simpkins

Description: MLC's Special Collections can help you create programs and displays to encourage patrons to explore our state's history and culture. We'll provide ideas for book clubs, celebrating Mississippi's musicians, and hands-on programs that incorporate Mississippi's rich tapestry of artistry and skilled craftsmanship.

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[CSLP Mysteries Await at Your Library: PreK](#)

When: November 30, 10:00am

Format: Recorded Webinar

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Presenter: Mary Mackin

Description: Discover engaging book selections and playful programming ideas for early childhood summer reading programs, all inspired by this year's theme, "Mysteries Await at Your Library." Join us as we explore creative ways to help your youngest patrons investigate, imagine, and uncover the mysteries all around them.

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[Youth Services Happy Hour](#)

When: December 2, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Facilitator: Mary Mackin

Description: MLC's Happy Hours are informal virtual meetings designed to bring librarians together to foster connection and conversation. These forums allow colleagues to share experiences and ideas, and to create and strengthen professional relationships.

[Technology Quarterly Training: Enhancing Productivity with Microsoft Excel](#)

When: December 3, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: All Staff

Facilitator: Matt Smith

Description: From tracking programming statistics to managing project timelines and analyzing data, Microsoft Excel can help library staff work more efficiently and make better use of information. This session introduces core Excel functions that can simplify everyday tasks, including organizing data, using formulas, creating charts, and generating reports. Attendees will explore real-world library applications and discover ways to reduce manual work through spreadsheets.

[Magnolia Hour: Passive Programming with MAGNOLIA](#)

When: December 3, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Programming Librarians

Presenter: Billy Don Loper

Description: Participants will learn how to use MAGNOLIA to support passive programs for adult and youth patrons through practical strategies for planning programs, preparing materials, selecting relevant databases, and connecting patrons with available library resources.

[Special Collections Happy Hour](#)

When: December 4, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Youth Services & Programming Staff

Description: Join fellow librarians for an informal happy hour focused on MLC's Special Collections. This gathering offers an opportunity to share ideas and explore creative ways to use special collections to engage your communities. Discover new programming ideas, and build connections with colleagues who are passionate about offering new ideas and services to their patrons.

[CSLP Mysteries Await at Your Library: K-5](#)

When: December 7, 10:00am

Format: Recorded Webinar

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Presenter: Mary Mackin

Description: Bring “Mysteries Await at Your Library” to life this summer with exciting book recommendations and interactive program ideas for school-aged children. We’ll share creative ways to keep young readers exploring, growing, and having fun all summer long.

[Human Resources Happy Hour](#)

When: December 8, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Directors & Human Resources Staff

Facilitator: Sidney Cobb

Description: Join us for an engaging happy hour focused on human resources essentials. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of other professionals, share experiences, and learn best practices in a supportive, informal setting.

[Virtual Frontline Training: Adapting to Institutional & Leadership Change](#)

When: December 10, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Frontline Staff

Presenter: Shellie Zeigler

Description: Change is a constant in public libraries, whether it comes in the form of new leadership, organizational restructuring, shifting priorities, or evolving community needs. This session examines how library staff can navigate periods of transition while maintaining effective service and supporting their colleagues. We’ll explore common challenges associated with organizational change and discuss strategies for adapting to new expectations.

[Programming That Matters: Supporting Adults Through Economic Stress](#)

When: December 11, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Format: Live Discussion via Zoom

Intended Audience: Programming Staff

Facilitator: Sharon Zala

Description: Many adults turn to their public library for help during difficult financial times. This session provides program ideas that can connect patrons with information, skills, and resources that help adults navigate financial challenges.

[Cataloging & Processing: Original Cataloging Using OCLC](#)

When: December 15, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Cataloging & Processing Staff

Facilitator: Amy Turnbull

Description: Public library collections often contain regional or historical items that aren't typically found on a nationwide level. Learn the fundamentals of creating original bibliographic records using OCLC's Record Manager when copy cataloging isn't an option. This training will introduce best practices for creating accurate, discoverable records for local, historical, or unique items.

[Virtual Manager Training: Collection Development for Ages 6-12](#)

When: December 17, 10:00am - 11:00am

Format: Live via Zoom

Intended Audience: Managers & Supervisors

Presenter: Sharon Zala

Description: Selecting materials for children ages 6-12 requires balancing age appropriateness, quality, and the needs of the community. This session explores formats of traditional publishing for this age group, along with key criteria used to evaluate content, authors, series, and popularity. We'll also cover identifying and assessing self-published works and materials that may include AI-generated content, with a focus on maintaining collection integrity and making informed choices when working with a limited budget.

CSLP Mysteries Await at Your Library: Tweens and Teens

When: December 21, 10:00am

Format: Recorded Webinar

Intended Audience: Youth Services Staff

Presenter: Mary Mackin

Description: Build excitement around the “Mysteries Await at Your Library” theme through hands-on activities, book displays, passive programming, and interactive events. We’ll discuss age-appropriate titles, creative program ideas, and simple ways to turn everyday library spaces into mystery-filled experiences. Whether you're planning a full summer lineup or looking for a few fresh ideas, this training will help you spark curiosity and keep young patrons reading all summer long.

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			1 Youth Services Happy Hour	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14 Magnolia Hour	15	16	17 Cataloging & Processing Quarterly: OCLC Overview
	20	21 Virtual Frontline Training: Evaluating Sources	22 Reference Quarterly: MLC's Reference Databases	23	24
	27	28 Virtual Manager Training: Creativity for Leaders	29	30	31

August	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3	4 Public Relations Happy Hour	5 Youth Services Happy Hour	6 Public Library Directors' Meeting	7 Special Collections Happy Hour
	10	11	12 Magnolia Hour	13 Surprise! You're an ILL Librarian	14
	17	18 Frontline Training: Communication & Customer Service	19 Virtual Frontline Training: Collection Development for Beginners	20	21 Making Conferences Work for You
	24	25 Manager Training: Leadership Essentials	26 Virtual Manager Training: Rethinking Spaces Through Accessibility	27 Special Collection Quarterly: Back to School	28

September-October 2026 AT A GLANCE

September	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Youth Services Happy Hour	3 FY26 Statistics HR Happy Hour	4 Programming Quarterly: Collaborative Art Projects
	7	8 Magnolia Hour	9 Tech Quarterly Training: Microsoft Teams	10 Virtual Frontline Training: Library Governance & Law	11
	14	15	16	17 Virtual Manager Training: Coaching & Mentoring	18
	21	22	23 Librarianship 101	24 Librarianship 101	25 Librarianship 101
	28	29	30		

October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1	2 Special Collections Happy Hour
	5	6	7 Youth Services Happy Hour	8 Reference Quarterly: MLC's Patent & Trademark Resource Center	9 Magnolia Hour
	12	13	14 E-Rate Cataloging & Processing: OCLC Copy Cataloging	15	16
	19	20 Virtual Frontline Training: Boundaries with Patrons & Coworkers	21	22	23
	26	27 Virtual Manager Training: Boundaries with Employees	28	29	30

November-December 2026 AT A GLANCE

November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2	3	4 Youth Services Happy Hour	5	6
			Public	Library Directors' Symposium	
	9	10 Magnolia Hour	11	12 Virtual Frontline Training: Working With Neurodivergent Patrons & Coworkers	13 Accessing SHAREIt
	16	17	18 Public Relations Happy Hour	19 Virtual Manager Training: Collection Development for Ages 0-5	20 Special Collections Quarterly: Mississippi History
	23	24	25	26	27
30 CSLP: PreK					

December	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Youth Services Happy Hour	3 Technology Quarterly: Microsoft Excel	4 Special Collections Happy Hour
				Magnolia Hour	
	7 CSLP: Juvenile	8 HR Happy Hour	9	10 Virtual Frontline Training: Institutional & Leadership Change	11 Programming Quarterly: Programming That Matters
	14	15 Cataloging & Processing: Original Cataloging Using OCLC	16	17 Virtual Manager Training: Collection Development for Ages 6-12	18
	21 CSLP: Teens & Tweens	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31		