

The Library Toolshed

The Library Toolshed is an online repository of work and knowledge contributed by the Canadian library community that is freely available to all. Library workers can access, share, and comment on a wide variety of training, instructional, and programming resources created for and by the Toolshed contributors. The Library Toolshed is a collaborative venture initiated and supported by The Alberta Library, the Association of BC Public Library Directors, Saskatchewan's Multitype Library Board, and the Manitoba Public Library Services Branch. The platform is hosted by the Library Toolshed's shared-service partner, the BC Libraries Cooperative. Where appropriate, items in the collection have been approved for uploading by the home library.

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The collection focuses on materials that support library training and programming. It includes links to webinars and toolkits, conference presentations and papers, scripts, templates and outlines. There is information on computer basics, eBooks, Integrated Learning Systems (ILS), information literacy, library advocacy, social media and more. The material can be especially valuable for children's and adult programming, adult literacy and user advocacy. By sharing resources, library workers save time and energy that can then be spent in direct service initiatives to their communities through family literacy, teaching technology skills, book clubs, welcoming newcomers and students. Libraries can adapt the Library Toolshed resources in order to build training materials, handouts, and other resources. Library workers are encouraged to upload and share their training materials and programming resources. Lastly, uploading conference presentations and other scholarship can promote individual research as well as disseminate knowledge and experience to other libraries and their employees.

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