

## SLIM Continuing Education Classes (March 29 – May 7, 2021)

**Grant Writing** by Carmen Cowick

**March 29 - May 7, 2021**

**\$125 per person**

Have a great idea that needs grant funding but don't know where to start? Think applying for a grant is too complicated? Think again! This course will help you understand how to identify funding resources, the process of creating and submitting a grant, and how to seek continuing funding for your project.

**Carmen Cowick** provides training, support and consulting services for libraries in the areas of preservation and collections care. She previously worked as a preservation specialist at Amigos Library Services and in the library and archives of The American Irish Historical Society, The Seamen's Church Institute, and the Special Collections department at CUNY Queens College. She received a bachelor's degree in art history and a master's degree in library science with a certificate in archives and preservation of cultural materials from CUNY Queens College in New York City. Ms. Cowick has written numerous scholarly articles on preservation-related topics and is the author of the books *Digital Curation Projects Made Easy* and *Crash Course in Disaster Preparedness*.

Click this [link](#) for more information and to enroll in the course.

**Resources for Young Families** by Elizabeth Hoffman and Jeana Menger

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This course explores the importance of the role of parents/guardians as a child's first teachers and how librarians can foster the development of early literacy in the home. Students apply knowledge of community evaluation and childhood development to the design of parent education and outreach services. Emphasis will be given to outreach in historically underserved populations, encouraging parent interaction with children, and early language development in young children.

**Elizabeth Hoffman** is the Director for the South Dakota MLS program through Emporia State University in Kansas and the current chair of the South Dakota Library Association's Young Adult Reading Program. Prior to joining the staff at ESU, Elizabeth worked in Youth Services at Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, SD where she developed collections and programming for children, teens, and families. Elizabeth received her BSed in History and Social Science from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD and her MLIS from the University of North Texas in Denton, TX.

**Jeana Menger's** research interests focus on the role of early childhood language development in literacy and school success. Menger earned a BA in Applied Linguistics from Portland State

University, and an MLS from Emporia State University. She is the immediate past co-chair of the Oregon Library Association's Children's Services Division, and the director of the Oregon SLIM MLS program.

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**[Work and Our Well-Being](#)** by Brenda Hough

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The coronavirus pandemic is impacting almost every aspect of our lives. Many library employees are under a great deal of stress and are experiencing a high level of uncertainty. An emphasis on workplace well-being is more important than ever. How can we take care of ourselves and take care of one another as we respond to the needs of our communities? Topics in this course will include:

- Why does workplace well-being matter?
- What contributes to feelings of well-being in the workplace?
- Tactics for dealing with stress and burnout
- Strategies for taking care of your well-being at work - How-to be a good place to work

Join the course to better understand your own experience of work and to gain practical ideas for improving workplace well-being for yourself and others.

In her 25 years as a librarian, **Brenda Hough**'s focus has been on providing quality staff development opportunities for people working in libraries. She frequently teaches courses for SLIM and has worked with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WebJunction, Infopeople, the Public Library Association, the American Library Association, the Urban Libraries Council, TechSoup for Libraries, and more. Brenda lives in Lawrence, Kansas with her husband and 10-year old son. Her recent interview on Workplace Stress is available at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> .

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