

Free Library Journal Online Courses for RI Library Staff

Fall 2026; Seats limited.

Library staff are invited to apply to attend courses this fall, sponsored in full by the Office of Library and Information Services. Courses may be live or self-paced. A selection of multi-course series are also available. Course titles are provided below and linked to full program descriptions on the Library Journal course website. Questions can be directed to Emily at Emily.goodman@olis.ri.gov.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. [Apply online today.](#)

Available Course Offerings

Live

- [Everyone Deserves a Library: Serving Homeless](#) (August)
- [Safe by Design: A Library Leader's Guide to Safety and Security](#) (August)
- [Make Your Data Talk](#) (September)
- [Managing Different Brains: A Neurodiversity Guide for Library Leaders](#) (September)
- [Library Management Training](#) (October)
- [The AI Reckoning: Policy, Ethics, and Civic Issues for Academic Libraries](#) (October)
- [AI and Academic Libraries: An Online Conference](#) (November; 2-day conference)
- [You Can't Do It All \(and That's Okay!\): Time Management and Balance for Burned-Out Librarians](#) (December)

Self-Paced

- [Advocating for the Freedom to Read](#) (Available now)
- [Dealing with Front Desk Realities](#) (September)
- [Accessibility Without Overwhelm: Library Programs That Actually Work for Disabled Patrons](#) (September)
- [Building Readers Who Want to Read: Science of Reading for Elementary Libraries](#) (September)
- [Get Funded: Creative Strategies for Public Libraries](#) (October)
- [Serving Disabled Patrons](#) (October)
- [Prepared to Respond: A Librarian's Guide to Book Challenges and Censorship](#) (November)

Series

- [Leadership Safety Series](#) (2 live courses, August)
 - Everyone Deserves a Library: Serving Homeless
 - Safe by Design: A Library Leader's Guide to Safety and Security
- [The AI Ready School](#) (3 self-paced courses, September)
 - AI Tools for the Overworked School Librarian
 - Search with Sense: Teaching Ethical AI Research Skills
 - Teaching AI Literacy in Schools
- [Project Management Certification](#) (4 self-paced courses; September)*
 - Project Management Part 1: Plans That Actually Get Used (4 modules)
 - Project Management Part 2: Getting Projects Over the Finish Line (4 modules)
 - Project Management Part 3: Teamwork That Won't Make You Pull Your Hair Out (2 modules)
 - Project Management Part 4: Maximizing (and then demonstrating!) Your Success (2 modules)
- [Finding Money for Your School Library When There Isn't Any](#) (2 self-paced courses, October/November)
 - Creative Funding for Your School Library
 - How to Secure Grants for Your School Library