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Introduction

My name is Erin Kelsey and I'm the continuing education consultant at the State Library of Ohio. I help to plan programs like ILEAD USA-Ohio and Library Leadership Ohio, and coordinate training on important and timely topics impacting the library world. Sadly, nothing is more important and timely than the current situation we face in Ohio and around the world regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. These are uncertain times and everyone is dealing with different workloads, flexibility, job security, and time constraints. On behalf of the State Library staff, we are here to help support you and your library in any way we can.

Due to COVID-19, most Ohio libraries are closed until at least May 1, and library staff are finding creative ways to connect with their communities and professional development opportunities while still practicing good physical distancing measures.

Coronavirus Information and Resources

This webpage includes links to government resources, library webinars and articles from a variety of professional organizations, and resources helpful to all Ohioans.

[Pandemic Preparedness for Libraries from ALA](#)

[Open Learning in Uncertain Times from ACRL Libraries and Coronavirus: Evolving Information and Resources by WebJunction](#)

Census Resource for Libraries

This webpage includes an overview of Census 2020, marketing and promotion ideas, webinars, and COVID-19 updates.

FREE Recorded Webinar
[Rethinking Census Outreach- Your questions answered- hosted by OhioNET](#) from April 14.

Training and Professional Development

[Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#)
[Youth Programming Goes Virtual: Storytimes, Crafts, Teen Activities, and more-](#)
resource guide by WebJunction
[Cultivating Protective Factors for Safe Libraries and Resilient Communities by WebJunction](#)

Please let me know if you have trouble accessing any of the resources above or on the [State Library of Ohio's website](#). Staff at the State Library is here to support you anyway we can during this time. The Ohio library community is innovative, creative, and strong. We can get through this unknown time by connecting with our peers and adapting library services to serve our communities. Stay healthy and stay safe.

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