2014 WLA Annual Conference
Preconference Workshop Information

Preconference |Wednesday 4/30/2014

Morning Workshops
8:30am-12:30pm

Title: Storytime STEM

 "When do we get to do the science?" "Can we start building now?" Preschoolers are not only unafraid of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – they LOVE it! Supporting STEM learning at storytime is as easy as counting, 1 2 3. If you aren't sure how to start, or just want to simplify your planning workload, this workshop will get you started with inexpensive STEM-themed preschool programs that have been tested on real live library storytime audiences! Learn a myriad of math activities that can easily be incorporated into storytimes. You'll leave this workshop with clear instructions and patterns, as well as ideas and inspiration for creating your own STEM programs full of fizz, but without any actual booms.

Speaker(s):
Theresa Gemmer, Youth Services Librarian, Everett Public Library
Susan Anderson-Newham, Early Learning Supervising Librarian, Pierce County Library System
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Title: *It's All Electronic: Downloading Materials and Online Resources*
Unsure how to answer patron questions about downloading from the library?   Finding your patrons are needing more technical training than you can cover? Haven't played with any devices or only have limited experience? If any or all of this is you, join us! We will have all the current devices for you to try. You will learn not only about downloading, but also about all the materials that can be accessed electronically. Included will be a tour of the WA State Library's Digital Literacy site, updates about the Microsoft IT Academy that is available to all staff and patrons, and other valuable electronic resources. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices or laptops.

Speaker(s):
Tressa Johnson, Librarian, Kitsap Regional Library
Darlene Pearsall, Computer Education Developer/Trainer, King County Library System
Jennifer Fenton, CE Training Coordinator, Washington State Library
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Afternoon Workshops
2:00pm – 5:00 pm

Title: *Insight Through Improv! Revitalize your thinking with Jet City Improv*
Get down and interactive with Jet City Improv. Master facilitator Andrew McMasters will engage you in activities designed to stimulate creative thinking and problem-solving. Gain insights into your personal thought processes and clarity about where creativity and innovation are stalled. Be prepared to learn how to reframe any situation, accept change as opportunity, and have a load of fun and laughter in the process. A unique opportunity to see everything in a new light.

Speaker(s):
Andrew McMasters, Artistic Director, Jet City Improv
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Title: *Hands-on with Technology: An Accessibility Primer*
Understanding the technology available in your library and the many devices that patrons use is a growing part of the job for anyone working in libraries. This is even more important when your patron needs information to make their or a library device work for their specific needs, whether enlarging the text or starting text-to-speech. During this hands-on technology workshop, we will introduce participants to assistive features built into Windows-based computers, Apple products and a variety of e-readers. We will also share some of the pros and cons of each product, including which devices offer accessibility features and how to access them.

Speaker(s):
Eura Szulwalski, Electronic Services and Instruction Librarian, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
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Title: *Producing Video Clips for Your Library*
Join us for this hands-on workshop covering the equipment, production, lighting and content you need to create your own short videos! Using what you learn, by the end of this class you will have produced and shared a completed project AND will have the knowledge and skills you need to make more! It is recommended that participants bring a laptop, webcam (built-in or separate), and have *Windows Move Maker* installed. The presenter will also have a few loaner laptops, if needed.

Speaker(s):
Jeremy Stroud, Graphic Designer, Washington State Library
Carolyn Petersen, Assistant Program Manager, Library Development, Washington State Library
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