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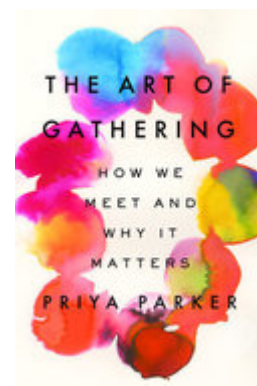
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Next Big Ideas Book Discussion

[The Art of Gathering](#)

The first book in the **2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters by Priya Parker. **(Feb28 from 9:30-11:00AM)** The author believes that the gatherings in people's lives are largely lackluster and unproductive, but they don't have to be.

Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings—conferences, meetings, and courtrooms. From GoodReads “...Parker explains how ordinary people can create remarkable occasions, large and small. She breaks down the alchemy of meetings to show what goes into the good ones...the result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of big ideas with real-world applications that will change the way you look at a business meeting, a parent-teacher conference, and a backyard barbecue.”



In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas

with public library service. In addition to an assortment of non-fiction titles, there are other spin-off benefits of participating in Big Ideas:

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the ***Big Ideas*** series for your own collections.

[Register Today!](#)

Spring Public Library Management Courses



Open For Registration

The spring round of **Public Library Management** courses—commonly called **PLM1** and **PLM2**—are open for registration. Course dates were recently announced: PLM1 begins on March 5th and runs through April 23. PLM2 begins on April 1st and runs through May 20

In each case, the first day of class is held in-person; the remaining seven classes are held online. **PLM1** provides a broad overview of library management; topics include board-director relationships and responsibilities; budgeting, policy development, etc. **PLM2** continues with more specific areas of library service, such as programming for children, teens, and adults, in addition to marketing and planning approaches.

Directors are allowed first admittance into **PLM**; support staff will be placed on a waiting list and admitted if room allows. Most newly hired directors are required to take **PLM**. Completion leads to initial certification which will be good for three years; in that 3-year timeframe, directors need to accumulate 45 c.e. credits in order to renew their certificate. Registering for the first class automatically registers you for the entire course.

Find dates, times, and registration details in the ...

[C.E. Catalog](#)

Staff Development Grant

Available From ALA

The ALA Learning Roundtable (LRT) is awarding an education grant to enable an individual to attend a professional development event **between September 1, 2019**

through August 31, 2020. The recipient will receive up to \$1,000.00 and in exchange, must share their learning experience in some fashion—either through the LRT newsletter, blog, list serve, etc. Titled the Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant, it is named after LRT past president the late Pat Carterette, who by all accounts was a passionate leader in library science continuing education.



The maximum grant amount is \$1,000.00 (reimbursement with receipts) Any costs incurred over \$1,000.00 will be the responsibility of the recipient. In addition to the financial award, the winner will have the help of a “Professional Development Mentor” throughout the award year. If the recipient is already an ALA member, they will also receive a free one-year membership in LRT. The grant winner will be notified in May 2019.

Applicants do not have to be ALA member to apply. If interested in this professional development grant, find the application at the button below and respond by **11:59PM on February 15, 2019**

[Grant Application](#)

Upcoming Classes and Reminders



Webinars This Week And Next

Two more webinars that highlight the **2019 Summer Library Program** happen this week: today **Monday Jan28**, it's a review of the **Teen SLP Manual** (1:00-2:00PM) Tomorrow **Tuesday Jan29**, it's a review of the

Adult SLP Manual (10:30-11:30AM)

Early next week, catch “**Library Volunteers: Tapping Into Community Engagement**” on **Tuesday Feb5** (1:00-2:00PM) On **Wednesday Feb6**, join us for another look at another GALE resource, this time “**Medical Materials in Credo Reference**” (1:30-2:00PM)



Re-Certification Due January 31

And this reminder: For all library directors and staff who need to re-certify (if your certification expired in Dec 2018) then your re re-certification application is due on **Thursday this week January 31**. Access the application form here

[Re-Certification Application](#)

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