



April 2020

Kids First Recordings Now Online!



Catch the sessions you missed!

At the beginning of April, COVID-19 turned our Kids First conference into an online event. Hundreds of librarians attended two days of sessions for live virtual professional development.

Now the sessions that were recorded have been posted online, so you can continue your professional development by viewing any sessions you missed. Earn CE credit by viewing any recorded session and then completing a learning summary survey linked at the top of the page below for each one. This is also your chance to snag the handouts and presentations from the sessions you attended live.

A huge thank you goes out to our presenters for making this online switch possible!

[View the 2020 Kids First Recordings](#)

If you have any questions or problems accessing any recordings, reach out to [Sam Bouwers](#) or [Angie Manfredi](#).

Crisis Response Conversations Continue

Topic: 2020 Summer Planning

Join State Library staff and participants from around the State as we talk best practices during social isolation. Our weekly Crisis Response Conversations are now in their sixth week and have already dealt with a wide range of topics.

This week's sessions on **Wednesday, April 29th** will cover some scenarios for 2020 Summer Learning Programs and considerations libraries might want to take into account as they plan. We'll start with a presentation from State



Library Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi, then split up into virtual breakout rooms to share ideas with librarians from libraries of similar size. **There will be two sessions on April 29, please register for the one that best fits your library size.** If you cannot attend live, they will be recorded for later viewing.

- Summer Planning for A, B, and C Sized Libraries: 1:00 p.m.
- Summer Planning for D+ Sized Libraries: 2:30 p.m.

[Register for Crisis Response Conversations](#)

Can't Miss Professional Development



There's so many great webinars, videos, blog posts, and online programming examples being created it's hard to keep up! Here's a curated list from Angie with some she thinks can be the most useful.

- The Colorado State Library recently hosted a webinar on **Phone-A-Story**. This will give you some ideas on if you're thinking about starting a "dial a story" program at your library. [You can view the recording the slides here.](#)
- The Massachusetts Library System has put together a great **LibGuide resource for all things COVID-19** related and has an awesome resource page specifically for youth services. [There's tons of articles and information rounded up here](#), take some time to look around.
- Some of the biggest stars in kidlit and YA came together to organize the **Everywhere Book Fest**, a free, virtual, online conference with panels and keynotes from over 50 participating creators. The event takes place May 1 & 2 and there will be live and recorded panels. You can view the schedule now and visit their [YouTube page for more info](#). This would be a fun thing to not only view yourself but promote on your social media for the children and teens in your community to attend. You could choose some panels to be highlight or promote it as a chance for kids and teens to attend a bookfest.
- One of Angie's former colleagues in New Mexico has created a virtual version of their popular **Music & Movement program**. This is a fun example of how you can adapt your current programs and create with what you have in your house. [Take a look at the program on YouTube](#). You can also see the way she avoids using copyrighted songs and makes do with what she has at her house. Think about ways you might be able to adapt your most popular programs in ways like this. Also since it's on YouTube it's a little more accessible than Facebook Live.
- The Free Library of Philadelphia has a robust **Culinary Literacy Program**. In looking for a way to bring this education online AND let patrons know about community resources available, they started [#FreeLibraryHomeCooks](#). This video series not only shows patrons how to make a recipe but uses ingredients from the City's free food boxes, connecting for patrons that this is a resource available for them. My friend and

fellow librarian Flan has made three great videos so far: [check out how they make Split Pea soup in the latest installment](#). Think about ways you can let your community know about resources they can take advantage of and tie it to the library. This helps de-stigmatize the free food boxes from the city and shows people ways to practically use them.

What professional development have you been loving? Are there specific resources you're looking for? Drop your questions and your favorites in [an email to Angie](#) to be featured in the next round-up.

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