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Northwest Office Hours Summer Schedule

First and Third Tuesdays June-August

Everyone who gathered for Northwest District Office Hours last week heard about a schedule change. Starting this month and continuing through August, **Northwest Office Hours** will happen on the **first** and **third Tuesdays** at **10:30AM** in my Zoom Room; the login link is provided below.

There's a method to my madness :-) For one thing, the State Library's "*Crisis Response Conversations*" have concluded after a 10-week run. These Wednesday afternoon programs served a very valuable purpose since the COVID crisis began. But now as more libraries reopen, even with reduced hours, available staff time is now more limited and logically focused on welcoming people back inside.

So for these reasons, **NW Office Hours** will move from weekly meetings to **twicemonthly**. My thanks to all who have participated since early April. Gatherings at Northwest have averaged 25 people each time, proving this is definitely fulfilling a need.

Summer Schedule At-A-Glance

- June 2 and 16
- July 7 and 21
- August 4 and 18

So let's keep meeting! Next time on **Tuesday June 16**, Scott Dermont is planning to join us at the beginning to talk a bit about the Public Library Annual Survey. The FY20 survey will likely include some questions about how libraries have managed services during the COVID crisis. That plus a great video that Scott discovered-- be sure to join us!

Kudos to everyone using microphones and web cams, both are adding a nicely personal touch. The office hours format is set up as a casual conversation. There is no C.E. credit because this is really a chance to stay connected, share experiences, and assist each other with questions.

Hoping you can join us on the **first** and **third Tuesday mornings** this summer!

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ZOOM Room Login





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