

# Creating Space for Online Learning

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## Five Sources for Free Online Library Learning

1. **Infopeople** provides quality continuing education and professional development opportunities for library staff. Training formats include 2-6 week asynchronous online courses, as well as free one-hour webinars.
2. **ALA eLearning** provides webinars, courses, workshops, and e-forums covering library-related fundamentals, trends, and hot topics for all types of libraries. Free and fee. Also, PLA [Live webinars](#) and On-demand [webinar archives](#).
3. **WebJunction** has a mission to build the knowledge, skills and confidence of library staff to power strong libraries that are the heart of vibrant communities. [Live and archived webinars](#) and materials are all free and [free courses](#) are also available.
4. **Wyoming State Library** curates available free webinars from many different library organizations all in one Training Calendar.
5. **Library Schools, Systems, and State Libraries.** A number of library schools, library systems, and state libraries provide free online training. Here is a sample, check with your own state for their offerings.
  - **University of Wisconsin, Madison** - Short courses offered by the School of Library & Information Studies in cooperation with a national network of educational institutions. Free webinars also available archived with downloadable resources.
  - **Reaching Across Illinois Libraries (RAILS)** – Archived [webinars](#) on library topics.
  - **Colorado State Library** - [CSL In Session](#) is an online learning series from the Colorado State Library made up of free, hour-long virtual classes on a broad range of library-related topics, delivered about once a month.
  - **Nebraska Library Commission** has a weekly webinar series, [NCompass Live](#), covering a variety of library activities and topics, free and open to anyone to watch. Archives also available.
  - Idaho Commission for Libraries
    - [Info2Go! Monthly](#) webinars on current hot topics.
    - [ABLE PROGRAM](#) a free, online Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) provides basic library knowledge and skills for staff.
    - [LIBRARY LEARNING ONLINE](#) is a service offering self-paced learning to expand the knowledge and skills of library staff.
  - Texas State Library hosts [free webinars](#) and [online courses](#).
  - Indiana State Library provides free online webinars. View the [archives](#).

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