Food-Related Training Opportunities:
Webinars Through WebJunction

These five webinars deal with food in some way.

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**Beyond Food for Fines: Libraries, Food Banks and Feeding America**
Original date November 1, 2017; Hosted by: WebJunction; Length: 1 hour

In the United States, 1 in every 8 people face hunger. Food insecurity affects 42 million people and impacts every county in America, and libraries are increasingly involved in helping to fight hunger in their communities. Join us to hear how Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief network, a food bank, and a public library, are all helping to fight hunger. Learn how to assess food security and needs in your area and how to grow community awareness and understanding about hunger through programming or resources. Providing meals can become a key component of library programming, even serving as an incentive for families and children to attend. Explore a range of opportunities to address community hunger needs year-round, and learn how to reach out and engage with local food banks to connect patrons to food.

Presented by: Christina Martinez, Kaia Keefe-Oates, and Elizabeth Lynch
Category: Outreach

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**Culinary Literacy: A Library Recipe for Cooking Up Literacy and Community**
Original date December 6, 2016; Hosted by: WebJunction and Library Journal; Length: 1 hour

Opening in 2014, the Free Library of Philadelphia’s Culinary Literacy Center offered the country’s first commercial-grade kitchen classroom in a library. It is revolutionizing the way Philadelphians think about food, nutrition, and literacy. The Center reaches to every corner of the community. It teaches math and science to kids through measuring and mixing, builds English language skills and nutrition education for non-native speakers, empowers adults with disabilities to cook with confidence, and much more. Hear how this innovative idea was transformed into reality through strategic community partnerships and institutional support. Learn how your library can start teaching community residents everything from butchering a goat to making a vegan stew, boosting literacy and nutritional health for all.

Presented by: Liz Fitzgerald
Category: Teaching Patrons

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**Family Literacy at a Food Pantry**
Original date December 3, 2015; Hosted by: WebJunction and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries; Length: 1 hour

The Cazenovia Public Library is connecting the dots between early literacy, the local food pantry and family well-being, and they’re doing it all on a small budget. Starting with an Early Literacy project at the CazCares food pantry, library outreach coordinators began to build more in-depth relationships with the food pantry’s clients. Their interactions led to unexpected positive outcomes:
• adults obtaining their high school equivalency through the library tutoring program;  
• school age children participating in an interactive summer learning program and book club;  
• and the food pantry becoming the site for ESL classes, Dolly Parton Imagination Library sign ups and health literacy initiatives.

Find out how this innovative library team supplemented their small budget with donations and volunteers to make Family Literacy work for the community.

Presented by: Betsy Kennedy  
Category: Teaching Patrons

Lunch at the Library: Nourishing Bodies and Minds  
Original date February 6, 2018; Hosted by: WebJunction; Length: 1 hour

For too many children and teens, summer is a time of hunger and learning loss. Libraries offer the perfect environment to combat childhood hunger and obesity while preventing summer learning loss by offering free, healthy lunch to kids through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. In California, Lunch at the Library was developed to provide tailored support to library staff, offering tools to develop successful public library summer meal programs that draw new families to the library, foster community partnerships, and engage families with learning and enrichment opportunities while school is out. Join us for this webinar to learn about the tools and practical tips for starting or expanding a USDA summer meals site and incorporating lunches into your summer reading program. Even if you’ve been offering summer lunches for years, you’ll come away inspired and ready to plan.

Presented by: Trish Garone, Patrice Chamberlain, and Jasmin LoBasso  
Category: Outreach

Small But Mighty Library Management and Innovation  
Original date November 5, 2018; Hosted by: WebJunction; Length: 1 hour

Innovating. Meeting community needs. Managing the daily business of running a library. It can feel as though there aren’t enough hours in the day to do it all. But there are powerful models like the Millvale Community Library which is acting as an agent of change in the community without sacrificing their core role as an information resource. This small but mighty library addresses their community’s food desert, uses clean energy, offers a tool-lending library, and more—while operating in a financially sustainable way. Learn how they do it, and how you can, too!

Presented by: Susan McClellan  
Category: Organizational Management