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### **Niche: Coding with Kids**

Approximately **43(m)**.

Join Grant Stewart of Marigold Library System for a lesson on how to teach kids coding. Grant will show you the basics of the coding program he organized and delivered to dozens of patrons throughout multiple summers working for Marigold Library System. He will go over the resources that are the most useful,





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fun games, and coding toys like the Sphero and Code-a-Pillar that teach kids while they play!

### **Niche: How to Write Book Reviews**

Approximately **25(m)**.

Offering opinions on books is part of every librarian's job. This program will discuss the various formats available today, offer some tips and go over some of the pitfalls of doing book reviews.

Presented by Rose Reid.  
Rose had a very popular book review column in the Canmore Leader for many years and today offers reviews of Indigenous titles as part of her position as Indigenous Outreach Specialist for Marigold Library System.





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### **Niche: Storytime Training**

Approx. **14(m)** This short 14-minute video shows some story time techniques such as setting up a storytime recording devices, ring lights, etc.



### **Complete one of the following LinkedIn Learning (LIL) Courses:**

#### **Well-Being in the Workplace**

**23(m)** When we're laser focused on productivity and achieving new milestones in our career, it can be easy to brush aside feelings of unhappiness. But our mental health matters. In this course, join Lianne Weaver, the founder and director of Beam Holistic Therapy and Beam Development & Training Ltd., as she shares practical techniques for alleviating anxiety, worry, stress, and



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other common mental health issues. Lianne discusses what causes worry and how can you reduce its effects, how to avoid burnout, how to increase happiness and gratitude to battle negative thoughts, and more. Upon wrapping up this course, you'll be ready to take steps towards feeling happier and healthier at work.



### **Building a Diverse Professional Network**

**19(m)** A diverse network of people with different interests and experiences can help you succeed in your career and in life. In this course, walk through how to build a diverse professional network. Discover tactics for how to make new connections. Find out how to assess your own strengths and areas for improvement. Learn how to identify people who can help you grow and go places where you can meet them. Explore how to establish professional relationships and then nurture your network to maximize its benefits. The instructor, Dr. Shirley Davis, also



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offers tips and insights on how to handle the unexpected nuances of having a diverse group of contacts.





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### **The Power of Introverts**

**36(m)** Your introversion isn't a liability. In fact, your quiet strength can be a powerful asset in the business world. In this course, instructor Rachel Anderson busts common myths about this personality style, explaining what introversion is and isn't, as well as how introverts can manage their energy to maximize their performance. Rachel—a speaker, writer, executive coach, and founder of Tea & Empathy, which provides coaching to help quiet leaders grow into their natural best—explains why introversion can be your superpower. Discover how introverts can use their natural skills in social situations to their advantage. Plus, get tips on how to efficiently channel your energy to stay refreshed and engaged.



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### **How to Stand Out**



**26(m)** In our noisy world, it's harder and harder to make a real impact or attract attention to your personal brand. The fact is, the more you can stand out, the more opportunities will come your way. In this course from entrepreneur Ash Kumra, learn how to stand out from the crowd, and distinguish yourself amongst your peers and in your industry. Ash shares how to build a personal brand mentality, stay on people's minds, and join and lead a community. Plus, he shares his take on how to be consistent, visualize your success, and use social media tools to drive awareness.



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### **How to Crush Self-Doubt and Build Self-Confidence**



**21(m)** There is no magic pill that builds confidence overnight. Instead, confidence comes from repeating something until you're familiar with it. To build a genuine belief in your ability to accomplish the task at hand, you first must learn to persist. In this course, Ivan Joseph discusses critical practices that can help you build unshakeable self-confidence. Learn techniques for keeping negative thoughts at bay. Discover how to fight impostor syndrome by creating a list of your achievements; that way, when doubt kicks in, you'll have something to remind you of what you're capable of accomplishing. Ivan also goes over the ways in which the people who surround us play a key role in shaping our beliefs, how to create effective affirmations, how to help others feel more confident by focusing on positive feedback, and more.



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### **Visualizing Your Leadership Journey**

#### **32(m)**

The first step to leadership is self-awareness. In this hands-on leadership course, instructor Nevada Lane provides an effective and fun way to build self-awareness through visualization. First, Nevada helps you to identify life events that influenced your development and growth as a leader. She asks you to identify people who have inspired you and to articulate the core principles that drive your own leadership approach. Next, Nevada walks you through identifying your leadership strengths and values. She shows you how to state a vision for what you want to create or how you want to be. Then Nevada encourages you to identify a quote that summarizes an aspect of your values, principles, or vision. She has you pull all these pieces together and build a leadership story graphic. In conclusion, she helps you to identify ways to use your leadership journey graphic, including sharing it with others.





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### **Managing Skills for Remote Leaders**

**1(h)** Being an effective manager can be challenging enough in a face-to-face setting, but as more people are shifting to working remotely, managers have to change their mindsets and methods. You can no longer pop over and



connect with your team or have impromptu chats. In this course, leadership coach Dr. Mary Jean Vignone teaches how to be the best possible manager in a remote work environment. Mary Jean leverages her two decades of managing virtual teams into a 15-step program that shows how to create a sense of community, build an inclusive culture that spans virtual workspaces, and shares values, goodwill, and ideas. She shows you how to adapt your leadership style and voice to a virtual space, fostering a trusting and supportive environment that sets your remote teams up for success. While a virtual workplace can be a very enriching environment, it won't happen organically. After completing this course, you will be better prepared to navigate this changing work landscape.