

Niche Academy Library Training Resource for Staff & Customers

If you're looking for tutorials and training courses tailored to the needs of a public library setting, Niche Academy is here to help! Niche Academy, an online training resource for libraries, will soon be available on Edubrite.



Niche Academy has partnered with over 1,200 public and academic libraries to provide content based on library specific needs. Learning opportunities covering a variety of topics will be available, including courses on hoopla, OverDrive, Kanopy, Goodreads, Ancestry.com Library Edition and Survival Spanish for Libraries. Some content creators include Ryan Dowd ([Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#)), [Info People](#) and [Every Library](#).

Library staff can also contribute videos to the Niche Academy library, allowing library professionals to crowd source information from the individuals who know libraries best, colleagues in the field. Some libraries are utilizing Niche Academy to share

content for storytime and other programs as well, including helpful activity guides.

In addition to the resources available to staff, Collection Development is working with Niche Academy to integrate customer training courses into our library website. These training courses would be available by clicking on a widget next to the eResource they are accessing without ever having to navigate away from the Metro Library website.

All videos include a brief introduction and all trainings are closed captioned. Niche Academy keeps courses up to date by staying in contact with resource creators.

For more information, visit their website [here](#).



OKCMOA Experience Passes Available

Metro Library customers now have the opportunity to experience OKC in a new way using their Metro Library Account. Customers can visit a local library to check out an Experience Pass, which became available Nov. 1.

Each library has one Experience Pass available to loan for up to seven days. One pass can be used to get up to five people admission to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

- Experience passes cannot be renewed.
- Only one pass may be checked out at a time per household.



- Overdue fines are \$1 per day up to a total of \$30.
- The lost item charge is \$60 (to compare to the price of a single visit of 5 adults to the museum).
- Library managers will keep track of their location's pass to ensure the pass does not go overdue.
- If a pass is not returned after seven days past the due date, staff will attempt to contact the customer by phone.

After an evaluation period, we will compare our figures with the passes offered by Pioneer Library System. The Pioneer Library System's OKCMOA passes were checked out 147 times over five months across 10 libraries within Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie counties. Our goal is to reach 180 total checkouts over six months.

Read more about this program on the Intranet [here](#).



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COMING UP

Nov. 25

Libraries Close at 6pm for Thanksgiving

Nov. 26-27

Libraries Closed for Thanksgiving

Halloween Fun



Pictured: Galen Boydstun,
Collection Processing Manager,
striking a heroic pose.

Bookmark Activity



DIY Development

Customer's Without Masks: Simple strategies that get customers to follow your COVID-19 policies 58(m)

Based on research and his experience managing two outbreaks at a large homeless shelter, Ryan teaches you how to prevent and respond to problem behaviors related to COVID-19 such as not wearing masks or social distancing. Plus there's a helpful download you can print and laminate to help you remember the tools taught in the [course](#).

The power of lists to get stuff done 39(m)

Best-selling author Paula Rizzo is so passionate about list making that she wrote two books on the topic: Listful Thinking and Listful Living. In this [course](#), join Paula as she breaks down what makes lists so powerful, as well as how to use them to accomplish your goals. Explore the different types of lists you can make - from business to-do lists to gratitude lists - so you can pinpoint which ones suit you and your goals best. Get best practices for maximizing your lists, including how to create lists consistently and determine whether to opt for a digital or paper format. Learn how to identify your preferred productivity style, so you can lean into it to get more things done. Plus, get tips for beating procrastination and outsourcing items on your to-do list.