News for Candidates

There have been several enhancements made to the LSSC Program website. The first, and most important, is the launching of the new LSSC approved course catalog. The database creates a more easily navigable list of upcoming approved courses by eliminating listings for any courses that have already started. Candidates are also given the option to filter courses by competency set and state in which the courses are offered. By filtering by state, candidates are able to see if any Library Technical Assistant or Community College recognition project programs are offering courses in their state at discounted, in-state tuition rates. The website has also been updated with a list of all Approved Courses, listed in order by the Approved Course Provider.

We have also recently updated the LTA Program section of the site, listing all of the 14 approved LTA Programs separately, including what courses of study are approved and what, if any, additional work must be done by graduates of these programs in order for them to also receive their Certification. And we are happy to announce that the ALA-APA also recently signed a recognition agreement with the University of Maine at Augusta, but more on that later in the newsletter!

What our Candidates are Saying

Our graduates always have great things to say about their experiences in the LSSC Program, so we thought we would share one of our favorites as well as a picture of three of our graduates, who work at the Middleton Public Library in Middleton, WI: Barbara Henderson, Jason Boak, and Katie Adkins. If you would like to see more comments as well as pictures of our graduates sporting their Certified Library Support Staff pins, head to our Facebook Page!

When speaking about the activities and initiatives undertaken by the CLSS at the Middleton Public Library graduate Jason Boak stated that "...these initiatives have given a lot of our staff members a chance to participate in library operations at a level they may have never had a chance to otherwise and to use their creativity and ideas to connect with the library as something more than just an employer. So basically I would have to say that the LSSC has helped make Middleton Public Library a better library for staff and patrons alike!"
University of Maine at Augusta

The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) announced today that it has completed an agreement with the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) that will allow its graduates, who meet the established criteria from their Library and Information Services Program, to receive the Certified Library Support Staff (CLSS) designation. You can find the full press release on the LSSC Website.

Programs at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas

If you are coming to the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, be sure and join us for the Certification Update on Sunday, June 29th, 8:30 – 10:00am in the Las Vegas Convention Center, Room N252. Both LSSC and the Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Program will have information about the programs and current changes. We invite current and potential candidates, graduates of both programs, current educational providers of courses for candidates, and employers, trustees, and anyone interested in finding out about ALA certification programs. Personal stories and experiences are welcome and all questions will be answered (we hope).

Upcoming Appearances/OnDemand Webinars

Besides the ALA Annual Conference, the LSSC Program will also have a representative at the On the Front Lines Conference in Springfield, IL in August and at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference in San Diego, CA in October.

Conversations with Graduates

The LSSC Program is happy to present two separate recordings of our hour-long Conversations with Graduates informational webinar, each featuring two different LSSC Graduates. The Graduates offer their opinions on the program as well as comments on their experience working towards becoming Certified Library Support Staff. If you are interested in learning about the LSSC Program directly from participants, these are the recordings to watch!

- 2013, April 25 – Conversations with Graduates (YouTube archived webinar): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP04UQj1RPe
- 2013, June 18 – Conversations with Graduates (Adobe Connect webinar recording): http://ala.adobeconnect.com/p2h0gkelzd4/

You can find more archived webinars and tutorials on the Webinars and Presentations section of our website or on our YouTube channel.

The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association, the sister organization to the American Library Association, recently released a short informational video highlighting all of the programs and initiatives it manages. Check out the ALA-APA YouTube Channel to view the video and learn more about the “organization for the advancement of library employees.”

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