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October Course of the Month

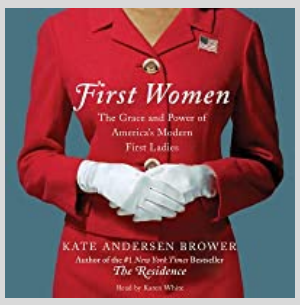
Accounting & Bookkeeping 101 for Everyone

Many librarians must deal with parts of the library that they don't expect to have to work with, like accounting and bookkeeping. This is especially true for new library directors who take over all aspects of the library, sometimes without any proper training. One of the most difficult parts is finances.

Whether you are a school media specialist, public librarian, or an academic librarian, you deal with some type of accounting and bookkeeping to keep you within your budget. This course will take the user through why accounting is a necessary skill, how to create a balance sheet, bookkeeping dos and don'ts, and more. Even better is that this course comes with a video audit, so if only one or two lessons sound interesting or relevant, then opt into the video audit and go straight to those lessons.

This course has 24 lessons, 29 exams and assignments, and should take around 32 hours to complete. (The video audit will not require the exams or assignments. It is simply the lessons as videos).

Kit-ing Around



This week we are highlighting our newest book club kit: *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies* by Kate Andersen Brower.

This book gives a unique look at some of the United States' most influential women—the first ladies. Including figures such as Jacqueline Kennedy, Nancy Reagan, and Michelle Obama, readers will come away with new insights into their lives as mothers, rivals, friends, and political crusaders. Brower's sources range from the first ladies' friends to their residence staff and social secretaries to give a well-rounded look at these women. The book is divided into themes rather than chronologically, allowing the reader to look at several women in comparison to each other.

This kit comes with ten paperback books, one discussion guide, and one sign-in sheet.

Kits can be checked out for eight weeks and reserved up to one year in advance. Book club kits can be checked out by libraries or individual patrons; no more than three kits can be checked out at one time. Kits for schools or classroom use need to be checked out by the Library Media Specialist. To see when this book club is next available, check out **KitKeeper**.

TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?

YALSA Young Adult Library Services Association

www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober

TeenTober is a nationwide celebration that replaces Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week to allow libraries the flexibility to celebrate all types of literacies. Library staff members are encouraged to utilize this celebration to advocate for and raise awareness of the importance of year-round teen services in libraries.

Are you celebrating TeenTober at your library? Be sure to share your photos and programs using #TeenTober.

For more information, including programming ideas and social media examples, check out **YALSA's TeenTober webpage**.

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A Virtual National Book Festival

A Virtual National Book Festival Like most things in 2020, the National Book Festival looked nothing like it has in the past.

Last year, tens of thousands of attendees crammed themselves into long lines to meet their favorite authors and watch interviews with Pulitzer Prize-winning writers and famous politicians.

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This is Halloween

Boys and girls of every age, wouldn't you like to see something strange?

This is a strange year indeed! Have you thought about your Halloween programming yet? Are you going to go in-person or virtual? I've been "haunting" other libraries and came up with some good ideas that maybe you can use!

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Divide County Library Receives Library Census Grant

Submitted by Traci Lund

I honestly thought the grant was out of reach because hello, ALA people! We are talking about the big leagues! But I thought what the heck and applied anyway. I have been helping the county out as much as possible by trying to get the word out and doing other things, but, as in everything we do, the budget, or lack thereof, didn't allow us to do too much.

I thought if somehow I could swing it, how awesome would it be to have a computer completely dedicated to the census. This would allow patrons to come in and out super easy and very quickly to get it done. Well, because of the grant, we were able to make that happen! I am excited about this because, after the census, we will have something that can be useful for years to come.

With leftover funds, we printed out coloring books for all the daycares in town and distributed them, along with paying for additional printouts for around town. I need to check my funds to see what I have left to spend, but, depending on the amount, we plan on doing fun toys/water bottles, etc., to give away to finish out the census strong!

"Ways to Fill Your Shelves Without Draining Your Budget" Webinar

Did you miss out on this free webinar on September 30 by presenter Laura Jones from the Indiana State Library?

This webinar includes ways to get free books and advanced reader copies (arcs) by entering contests, being active on Twitter, writing a blog, etc.

Be sure to check out the **recording** and this **resource list**.

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