

Professional Development

Collected by YASD of NCLA

October 2026



Hello NCLA Members,

Below is a selection of upcoming Professional Development opportunities in October that I collected. These were selected with Teen/YA Services in mind, but that does not mean they can't also be valuable to those working in other departments.

All events, which are listed in date order, should be free for members of the organization presenting (if not free for all). If there is a known cost it will be made clear with that information being highlighted in yellow. Unless otherwise stated, all events are virtual. If in-person, the location will be noted and highlighted in yellow.

Click the link provided for each event for more information and to register.

I hope this information is helpful!

- Amanda Borgia, Professional Development Chair for YASD
- **Meet People Where They Are: Building Safe and Connected Library Outreach**
 - When - Thursday, October 2
 - Time - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Presented by Library Journal
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Sorry, I Can't Save the Planet Right Now, I'm an Overwhelmed Librarian: Navigating Eco-Anxiety for Ourselves and Our Students**
 - When - Wednesday, October 7
 - Time - 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm
 - Presented by American Library Association
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **School Library Journal Day of Dialog Fall 2026**
 - When - Thursday, October 8
 - Time - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
 - Presented by School Library Journal
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Database Roundtable**
 - When - Thursday, October 8
 - Time - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
 - Presented by Nassau Library System
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)



- **AI Panel Discussion - Using AI in the Library**
 - When - Thursday, October 8
 - Time - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Presented by Long Island Library Resources Council
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Drawing Better Maps: Navigating the Youth Librarianship Landscape in the Age of Book Challenges**
 - When - Thursday, October 8
 - Time - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Presented by Booklist
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **How to Host a Job Fair at your Library**
 - When - Tuesday, October 13
 - Time - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
 - Presented by Webjunction
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **NLS 101: Getting to Know Us**
 - When - Wednesday, October 14
 - Time - 9:30 am to 11:00 am
 - Presented by Nassau Library System
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Outstanding Program Success with Design Thinking**
 - When - Wednesday, October 14
 - Time - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
 - Presented by Clarivate
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Creating a Person-Centered Library: Supporting High-Needs Patrons While Caring For Staff**
 - When - Wednesday, October 14
 - Time - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Presented by Niche Academy
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **Canva Design Best Practices**
 - When - Friday, October 16
 - Time - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Presented by Nassau Library System
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)



- **Must-Have Middle Grade**
 - When - Tuesday, October 20
 - Time - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Presented by Booklist
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **How to Use Edelweiss for Collection Development and Readers Advisory**
 - When - Wednesday, October 21
 - Time - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 - Presented by Long Island Library Resources Council
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **AI Literacy Made Practical: Ethical & Effective AI Use in Libraries**
 - When - Wednesday, October 21
 - Time - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Presented by Niche Academy
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **No Such Thing as Work/Life Balance – Sustaining Your Boundaries and Mental Health While Thriving at Work**
 - When - Thursday, October 29
 - Time - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 - Presented by Central New York Library Resources Council
 - [Click here for more information and to register](#)

