

New MCLS workshops and instructors

We are pleased to welcome **Cora Schaeff** and **Laikin Dantchenko** as new MCLS instructors this semester! **Cora** will be developing and teaching **Setting Up a Library of Things for Public Libraries**. She is the Managing Librarian at the Sage Branch of Bay County Library System in Michigan and has worked in public libraries for nearly two decades. She has experience with outreach, youth services, and library administration. Her work has focused on developing and sustaining nontraditional circulating collections, often known as Libraries of Things, as well as grant-funded programming and outreach initiatives designed to expand equitable access. In this two-day workshop participants will learn how to select items that reflect community needs, develop clear policies, assess potential liabilities, build realistic budgets, and promote their collection effectively. The session emphasizes starting with the community at the center while ensuring long-term financial and operational sustainability.

Laikin will be developing and teaching **Introduction to Cataloging Printed and Recorded Music** and is the Music Audiovisual Metadata Assistant Librarian at Indiana University's William and Gayle Cook Music Library. She creates original bibliographic records and name authority records for commercial, archival, and institutional sound recordings in all formats, with a particular focus on reparative and community-centered cataloging practices for Eastern European and Central Eurasian music materials. An active member of the Music Library Association's Cataloging and Metadata Committee and contributor to the NACO Music Project, they regularly teach cataloging courses at IU's Luddy School of Informatics. This three-day workshop provides a practical introduction to cataloging music materials, including printed scores and sound recordings. Designed for catalogers who may have little or no musical background, the course focuses on the unique aspects of music cataloging using current RDA, MARC 21, and Music Library Association best practices.

To learn more about these workshops or to register, please access our Training Store at store.mcls.org. Questions? Please email training@mcls.org or call 517-220-9950.

MCLS membership opens the door to discounted training for library staff and eLicensing and collection resources services that can be customized to benefit any member library in Indiana or Michigan. MCLS is a trusted source that keeps you abreast of the latest trends in libraries, negotiates with vendors for your benefit, and provides excellent support whenever needed. With additional benefits including discounts for library supplies such as Brodart, The Library Store, and more, membership pays for itself.

For more information about membership with MCLS or to become a member visit mcls.org/membership

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MCLS TRAINING CALENDAR

JUL - DEC 2026



July 7-9

MARC: An Introduction

July 14-16

Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Basic

July 21-23

Copy Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA

July 23

Supervisor Series: Learning to Manage for New Managers

July 28-30

Original Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA

August 4

Introduction to BIBFRAME

August 4-6

Serials Cataloging

August 18-20

Object Cataloging for a Library of Things

August 20

Supervisor Series: Effective Communication Strategies for Managers

August 27

Just Enough to be Dangerous: Cataloging for Non-Catalogers

September 3

Cataloging Graphic Novels and Formats

September 8-10

Rare Book Cataloging: An Introduction

September 8-10

Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Intermediate

September 15-17

MARC: An Introduction

September 23

BIBFRAME Applications

September 23-24Setting up a Library of Things for Public Libraries **NEW****September 24**

Cataloging Children's Materials

September 29-October 1Introduction to Cataloging Printed and Recorded Music **NEW****September 29-October 1**

Electronic Serials Cataloging

October 6-8

Authorities

October 6-8

Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH

October 21

Cataloging Local Government Documents

October 22

Cataloging Tools

October 27-29

Object Cataloging for a Library of Things

November 3-5

Serials Cataloging

November 5

Just Enough to be Dangerous: Cataloging for Non-Catalogers

November 10-12

MARC: An Introduction

November 10-12

Cataloging OER and Online Resources

November 17

Cataloging Related Works and Expressions

November 17-19

Intermediate Rare Book Cataloging

December 1-3

Advanced Serials Cataloging

December 3

Wellbeing for Librarians: Empowering Yourself and Others

December 8

Cataloging with Variant Titles

December 8-10

Original Cataloging of Archival Materials

December 9-10

The Mystery of MARC Fixed Fields Solved

December 15

Conceptual Models Underlying RDA

Ongoing Essential Workplace Skills self-paced tutorials

Introduction to Accountability at Work
 Introduction to Critical Thinking Skills
 Introduction to Emotional Intelligence
 Introduction to Resilience in the Workplace
 Introduction to Thriving in the Midst of Change
 Introduction to Workplace Etiquette
 Introduction to Writing Skills for Librarians

Earn your Certificate of Library Staff Development from MCLS!

Are you aware that MCLS offers Certificates of Library Staff Development? Simply take workshops through MCLS and then submit your application. We offer three Certificates as follows:

Basic Cataloging Certificate

Requirements: Attend MARC: An Introduction, plus 4 other MCLS cataloging workshops. All 5 workshops must be taken within a 3-year timeframe.

Advanced Cataloging Certificate

Requirements: Achieve your Basic Cataloging Certificate, plus 4 additional cataloging workshops which must be taken within a 3-year timeframe.

Basic Essential Workplace Skills Certificate

Requirements: Complete 5 of our Essential Workplace Skills self-paced tutorials within a 3-year timeframe. **These tutorials are free for MCLS members!**

Why obtain a Certificate from MCLS? They give you an opportunity to improve your knowledge and skills, learn new technologies, and demonstrate your overall competence in the library field. These are great to list on a resume or CV as well!

Once you have completed the requirements, submit your Certificate application online using the links from our web page here: mcls.org/training-events/certification/ This page also explains more about the Certificate program.

In addition to the benefits that you will reap from taking the workshops, we will send you a distinctive printed Certificate to the address specified in your application. If you approve, we will list your name and library in our MCLS newsletter as well.

To view and register for any of our workshops, go to store.mcls.org. To see all Cataloging workshops currently open for registration or all Essential Workplace Skills self-paced tutorials, click the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

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July 9

MeLCat Processing, Policies, and Procedures

July 21

Everything You Need to be Doing as a DCB MeLCat Library

July 23

MeLCat Refresher Training for DCB Libraries (Lansing, MI)

July 28

The MeLCat Overdue Process

August 7

MeLCat Basics

August 11

MeLCat Mythbusters

August 12

RIDES: What Happens at the Warehouse?

August 13

MeLCat Reports

August 25

MeLCat: The Other Stuff

August 27

MeLCat Refresher Training for DCB Libraries (Lansing, MI)

September 2

MeLCat Processing, Policies, and Procedures

September 15

The MeLCat Visiting Patron Service

September 16

RIDES: Lost and Damaged Procedures

September 22

Everything You Need to be Doing as a DCB MeLCat Library

September 24

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October 13-15

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October 14

RIDES: When Things Go Wrong

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November 6

MeLCat Processing, Policies, and Procedures

November 13

MeLCat: The Other Stuff

November 18

Everything You Need to be Doing as a DCB MeLCat Library

November 19

RIDES: Policies and Procedures

December 4

MeLCat Help! Finding the Answers to Your MeLCat Questions

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MeLCat Reports

December 15-17

Advanced MeLCat Cataloging

December 16

RIDES: What Happens at the Warehouse?

December 17

MeLCat Basics

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