

EXPLORE: Ohio Libraries Information Session

Questions and Answers

Would you recommend this for a paraprofessional who is interested in earning her MLIS?

This program would be useful to anyone whose position involves exploring the opportunities of any aspect of the library, whether that be the needs of teens in terms of what they want for programming, or even staff. The skills gained will be useful if you want to move forward in your career.

I attended a seminar using design thinking principles and it was such a great experience! I'm wanting to learn more.

This program will utilize design thinking practices during a phase of the program, however this is not a design thinking instructional course. The course will be grounded in the principles of Appreciative Inquiry.

What types of tools will be used as part of the online experience? Zoom, miro, etc.?

The course will be conducted over Zoom and utilize breakout rooms and Mural

What would you consider the main deliverable from going through this process with a community?

The main deliverable from taking the course will be practical experience and a model to use to explore opportunities in your own community. Your take-away from conducting the opportunity exploration in your community will be information on whatever topic you decide to explore during the coaching sessions. This could be a small take-away such as “what new opportunities are there for programming for teens in your community” or a larger scale exploration for strategic planning. We will suggest and encourage you to start small to practice and develop the skills.

If we have multiple people in our library interested in participating, should they both sign up? Or just one person?

You may have up to three participants from one institution and they should each sign up individually