


*Improve Your Chances for Success
When Enrolled in Online Training:
Live Online*


*Lunch Lessons
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Online Learning Opportunity

Webjunction Courses 24/7

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Improve your work skills and performance without leaving your desk!

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Webjunction offers hundreds of quality online [self-paced courses](#) for Colorado library staff:

- Technology
- Library Services
- Management

Questions about the program? Contact [Lisa Budge](#) at CLiC or [Sharon Hartzell](#) at the Colorado State Library.

Register

- Cost per course is \$50.
- [Access the registration form](#)

Courses

- [Browse Catalog](#) on the Webjunction site. (For information purposes only - to receive the discounted course rate, you must register and pay using the registration form.)

Tip Sheet: [Online Learning: Resources and Materials](#)

Video Overview: [The Webjunction Experience](#)

*The "Online Learner" is offered by the [Colorado Library Consortium](#) and the [Colorado State Library](#).



Online Education Agenda

- What is hard about online ed?
- Six kinds of learners.
- Before we learn online.
- Learning goals.
- Tips and tricks.
- Resources.

Getting Ready

- Have handout of slides ready.
- "Do Not Disturb" sign in place.
- Paper and pen for notes.
- Prepare questions.

What is Hard?

What is difficult about taking online classes (including one-time webinars and ongoing classes)?

What Your Colleagues Say

- Inadequate bandwidth & technology.
- Underestimating the time needed.
- The learning curve is too high.
- Not wanting to look stupid.
- Previous bad experiences.
- Poor support from workplace.
- The issue of personal discipline.

The Six "Difficult" Learners

- The *passive* learner.
- The *"lone eagle"* learner.
- The *"pass-the-test"* learner.
- The *perfect* learner.
- The *one-style* learner.
- The *competitive* learner.

What You Want To Be Instead

- The *active* learner.
- The *team* learner.
- The *knowing* learner.
- The *brave* learner.
- The *resourceful* learner.
- The learner as *teacher*.

Before We Learn Online

- Write your goals.
- Make time in your calendar.
- Invest in tools.
- Find study buddies.
- You are already an expert learner.
- Mentors to help you:
 - technology, content, learning

Learning Goals: 1

1. Technological literacy.
2. Written communication skills.
3. Public presentation skills.
4. Mathematical and financial literacy.
5. Interpersonal skills.

Learning Goals: 2

6. Sales and influence skills.
7. Foreign language, culture and expert vocabulary skills.
8. Teaching, mentoring, and coaching skills.
9. Entrepreneurial skills.

Practice Tips

- Check out K-12 sites.
- Research non-academic topics.
- Play games.
- Look for free software.
- Try to break the software.
- Use social media tools.
- Make your own class.

Online Learning Tricks - I

- Create written goals: *what*.
- Create a curriculum: *how*.
- Three times is the charm:
 - scan for an overview
 - take the class
 - revisit key points
- Find a study buddy.

Online Learning Tricks - II

- Yes, you can take notes.
- Seek out other versions:
 - online sites, videos, experts
 - books, magazines, authors
- Teach someone else.
- Take classes in a group.
- *What would you add?*

Cool Cheap/Free Resources

- Librarything
- TED
- Slideshare
- ALAConnect
- Right here!

LibraryThing

- *Librarything.com*
- Free and/or really cheap.
- Based on books/authors.
- Lots of social features.
- Library-relevant.
- Create your own.

TED

- *TED.com*
- Free registration.
- Based on video presentations.
- Important ideas from everywhere.
- Expand your horizon.
- *Share with a group.*

Slideshare

- *Slideshare.net*
- Free access.
- Based on powerpoint slides.
- Amazing array of presentations.
- Nice “books” category.
- *Create your own.*

ALA Connect

- *connect.ala.org*
- Free registration:
 - nonmembers welcome
- Based on online communities.
- Library friends from all over.
- *Create your own.*

Books and Authors

- Nathaniel Branden. *How To Raise Your Self-Esteem.*
- Ronald Gross. *Peak Learning.*
- Karen Pryor. *Don't Shoot the Dog.*
- Martin Seligman. *What You Can Change... and What You Can't.*

Online Resources

- <http://tip.psychology.org/index.html>
- <http://www.learningstyles.net/>
- <http://www.bena.com/ewinters/styles.html>
- <http://www2.gsu.edu/~dschjb/wwwmbti.html>
- <http://www.learnativity.com/learningstyles.html>
- <http://www.vark-learn.com/english/index.asp>
- <http://www.usd.edu/trio/tut/ts/style.html>
- <http://www.metamath.com/lsweb/fourls.htm>

Final Thoughts

Please share your final thoughts.

What's Next

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