2026 CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop

Proposal Guide

Deadline for Proposal Submission:
Sunday, October 19, 2025 @ 11:59 pm

Workshop Dates:
Wednesday, February 4 - Thursday, February 5, 2026

CLiC Needs You!

…And so does the Colorado library community!

CLiC's goal is to provide talent development opportunities for library staff and trustees with a focus on content that's relevant to rural & small libraries of all types. Together we can capture the spirit, the fun, and the highly social aspects of CLiC events.

As a potential presenter, you can share knowledge, spark conversations, inspire creativity, foster connections and make an impact on libraries across Colorado. You are doing great things in your library and your community so share your ideas with others.

The 2026 CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop is a time to shine, to share, and to inspire!

The Fine Print

The Workshop is virtual and hosted on the Zoom platform. Sessions are 15 or 45 minutes long. The shorter, microlearning sessions are accelerated learning opportunities. The Workshop will be recorded and made available to attendees. CLiC staff will provide you with tech support and encouragement to ensure your session runs smoothly.

All presenters must have a webcam and headphones with a mic. If you don't have access to these items, we may be able to help, just ask!

Once presenters are selected, CLiC will provide more details and support to make this a great experience for everyone.

Questions?

Please contact Sara Wright
swright@clicweb.org

Attendee Profile

CLiC workshops are created specifically for rural library staff who work in public, school, academic and institutional libraries. In many cases, staffing and resources at these libraries are limited, but their ideas and innovations are endless!

Craft a Successful Presentation Proposal

Make the content inspiring, scalable, and sharable.

Basic information
Include your name and co-presenter (if applicable) or list "Panel" if more than two presenters.

Presentation Title
(max 60 characters)
Make it catchy.

Presentation Description
(max 750 characters)
Include learning outcomes, be descriptive, clear and engaging.

Topic for Presentation
What do you know? What have you tried? What can you share? Think of topics that other libraries can use and scale.

Target Audience
Is your topic intended for a specific audience or library type or <u>applicable to all</u>?

Check your spelling!
If selected, your submission will be posted EXACTLY as submitted.

Receive coaching from Winnie DuBois, CLiC's Talent Development Consultant.

Questions on how to best engage the audience in a virtual environment?

Contact Winnie at <u>wdubois@clicweb.org</u>

BEST PRACTICES FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

Practice. Engage. Have Fun!

When presenting in a virtual setting, presenters have to compete for their audience's eyes, ears, hearts, and minds against diminished attention spans, increased home, work and life distractions, and conflicting priorities. Here are some tips to keep your audience engaged.

- Choose the right background and lighting that highlight you, the expert, and not a distracting background.
- Practice with the technology ahead of time so you feel confident.
- Present with energy and animation, smile!
- Engage your participants by using micro-engagments and the tools already in Zoom; polls, voting, whiteboards, break-out rooms, icons and emojis.

Most importantly, be yourself and have fun! CLiC staff are ready and willing to help you practice and offer feedback.

Benefits of Presenting

Testimonials

"I thought others might find it helpful to hear and see how a novel program can be implementedwith ease."

-2025 Virtual Winter Workshop Presenter

"I encouraged my whole team to consider presenting in future years and shared that the supportive and laid-back environment was ideal. Thanks for everything!"

-2025 Virtual Winter Workshop Presenter

"CLiC staff is amazing to work with. I have never felt so supported in a virtual conference like this before!"

-2025 Virtual Winter Workshop Presenter

Personal and Professional

Much of what we do now is virtual and the CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop is a supported way to try your hand at something new, whether it be your first time presenting, your first time presenting virtually or honing your presentation skills. There are many reasons why folks across the state enjoy presenting at the CLiC Workshop.

Personal Development

- Gain self confidence
- In sharing your story with others, you'll learn more about yourself and your topic

Professional Development

- Learn and implement a new skill
- Presenters gain visibility within the library community
- Receive coaching from CLiC's Talent Development Consultant

Save money! Presenters receive free registration for up to two presenters per session.

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