CALL/ACBD Professional Development Pathways

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Tier 1: introductory
Tier 2: advanced

Collection Development, Cataloguing, Metadata and Information Organization

Sample Professional Development Topics:

Collection Development



- acquisitions practices
- user-needs based collection building
- preservation practices
- collections maintenance and weeding



license negotiation and implementation

Cataloguing



- cataloguing standards and practices
- metadata basics and standards
- resource description
- indexing

Metadata



- cataloguing standards and practices
- resource description

Information Organization



resource sharing trends, practices and constraints



information architecture

Information Technology

Sample Professional Development Topics:



- bibliographic /citation software
- integrated library systems
- navigating online legal information databases
- navigating online information databases
- web design and maintenance
- appropriately optimizing social media for business purposes
- trends in hardware, software and applications for library, law practice and business purposes



- evaluating, selecting and implementing electronic solutions
- advanced web navigation
- advanced use of applications
- database creation and maintenance
- research data management / analytics

Instruction

Sample Professional Development Topics:1



- delivery methods
- preparation and implementation of learning tools
- preparation of teaching materials
- public speaking and presenting



- learning outcomes and syllabi creation
- curriculum development
- universal design for learning
- developing appropriate assessment tools

¹ See also, American Association of Law Libraries, "Law Student Research Competencies and Information Literacy Principles Report" (Approved by the Executive Board April 2011, Tab 4). Online: http://www.aallnet.org/Archived/Advocacy/AALL-Recommended-Guidelines/Student-Research-Principles.pdf

Knowledge Management

Sample Professional Development Topics:



- electronic document management
- optimizing technology to provide research tools



- development of intranets
- practice management
- process improvement
- developing precedents or other databases

Leadership, Management and Professionalism

Sample Professional Development Topics:

Leadership



- advocacy
- leadership theories
- team building



information and knowledge strategy, including strategic planning

Management



- marketing and promotion
- policy development
- performance reviews
- communication planning



- metrics, data collection and analysis, outcomes analysis and review
- project management
- facility management, including space planning and design maintenance
- preparing RFP and outsourcing
- change management
- human resource management
- financial management and accounting
- operational management
- information technology and systems management, including security and privacy

- contract negotiation
- process improvement
- planning and scheduling
- chairing a meeting, including Robert's Rules of Order
- ensuring workplace statutory compliance
- succession planning

Professionalism



- professionalism and ethics
- effective communication
- risk-taking
- career planning
- creative thinking, brainstorming and innovation
- networking and relationship building
- emotional intelligence
- stress management
- time management
- self-motivation
- written communication
- public speaking and presentation skills
- decision-making
- work-life balance
- assertiveness
- conflict resolution



- mentoring
- negotiation
- conflict resolution

Reference and Research Services

Sample Professional Development Topics:



- analyzing user needs and conducting a reference interview
- information seeking behaviours
- copyright law as it pertains to libraries
- customer service theory
- creating and mainting of research tools
- forming and interpreting legal citations



- interdisciplinary research
- research tools and systems related to other disciplines
- competitive intelligence / business intelligence

Substantive Law

Sample Professional Development Topics:



- Canadian legal system
- Canadian legal process
- legal information research tools and sources
- law publishers and service providers
- the legal profession



- substantive law
- changes and trends in substantive law
- global legal sources and tools
- foreign domestic legal sources and tools
- international law sources and tools