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Keep On Learning!

You hear us say this at the end of each webinar, but this month's Success Series Webinar goes a step further. This handout includes information on places, resources, and tools that can help you keep learning and developing the skills that you want to master.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Alison.com

 Alison: Certificate courses and learning paths with over 1000 courses available free of charge. The course topics range from business and technical to healthcare and trades. The courses are not accredited through traditional educational boards.

Coursera.org

 Coursera: Online courses from over 190 universities and companies. Both free and courses with specialized pricing are available for degrees, certificates, and diplomas.

_ Edx.org

 EDx: Over 2500 courses ranging from personal and professional development topics, degrees, and certificates. A selection of courses are offered free. A certificate is available with a fee.

_GovLoop.com

 Government Loop: Over 300,000 federal, state and local government professionals are members of this network of innovation and problem-solving with free resources and training. The site hosts both virtual and in-person events, blogs, and guides.

Grammarly.com

 Grammarly: A free extension to your Chrome browser that helps identify writing errors and improve writing skills. Newest addition includes a tone detector.

KhanAcademy.org

 Khan Academy: A nonprofit offering free courses ranging from elementary to college and business education. Suitable to fill in gaps from past education, study college topics, and access test prep materials.

_ Lynda.com

 Lynda: (aka LinkedIn Learning): An American website offering video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. Available by subscription, however many libraries in Louisiana offer this without cost as part of the services available with your local library card.

OpenCulture.com

 Open Culture: A Master List of 1,300 Free Courses From Top Universities: 45,000 Hours of Audio/Video Lectures. Even includes resources such as free audiobooks, textbooks, movies, and language lessons.

_ Open.edu/OpenLearn/

 Open Learn: OpenLearn is a free learning platform, delivered by The Open University as part of its Royal Charter commitment to support the well-being of the community. Almost 1,000 free courses, topical and interactive content, videos and online games.

Udemy.com

Udemy: An online learning platform aimed at professional adults and students. This learning and teaching marketplace boasts over 100,000 courses and 24 million students. While a large number of classes are available at fees ranging from 12 to 20 dollars, there are free courses available as well.

YouTube.com

- YouTube: Not just for entertainment, YouTube includes such personal and professional development channels as Ted Talks, Ted-Ed, Practical Psychology, MindValley, how-to channels and more. Search for the topic you're interested in.
 - Book summary channels: OnePercentBetter, Book Video Club, Productivity Game, and more. Search for "book summary channels."

PODCASTS

Google "professional development podcasts" and you'll find lists of the top podcasts as rated by various sources. You can also use iTunes University to access over 350,000 audio and video files of classes, lectures, and more. Or you can search on whatever app you use for podcasts.

 Looking for lectures, interviews, professional development and other learning topics? Here are a few highly rated ideas: The School of Greatness, University of London Podcasts, The Tim Ferriss Show, Safe for Work, This American Life, Lead to Win, BBC Podcasts, Manager Tools, Accidental Creative, Craig Groeschel, Leadership Podcast, Career Tools, and How I Built This, life lessons from NPR. Also search Louisiana podcasts for ideas and themes from closer to home.

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- There are also special resources for state employees. Visit the State Library of Louisiana site and click on State Employees.