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Re: Continuing Education Days

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Beginning in January 2018, the North Country Library System will reserve the third Tuesday of each month as a Continuing Education Day for member libraries. Our goal is to streamline the opportunities we provide for professional development and collaboration in order to make it easier for staff and trustees to participate.

Each Continuing Education Day will have a morning and an afternoon session, and those sessions will be classes or speakers coupled with meetings or open computer labs. For example, one month might be dedicated to a programming showcase in the morning followed by a guest speaker on intellectual freedom in the afternoon; the next month might feature an Annual Report open lab in the morning followed by a Readers Advisory genre study in the afternoon.

Not every class or meeting will immediately conform to this new model; we will continue to offer trainings at member libraries and some meeting dates for the next few months have already been scheduled. However, it is our hope that setting a specific day each month and coordinating our events for those days will aid the libraries in scheduling and budgeting for substitutes throughout the year. Through an online poll, a majority of member libraries selected Tuesday as the best day of the week to use for this purpose.

In order to provide the best possible service to our patrons, NCLS is always looking for opportunities for member libraries to build skills, share knowledge, and develop a strong professional network. If you have any suggestions for future opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks in advance for your support!