



Educational & Professional Development Opportunities

What are these and how are libraries using them?

Broadband allows libraries to provide access to advanced online educational and professional development opportunities that benefit library patrons and staff.

Connection Café Demos

- 360 Training.com's online course demos:
<http://www.360training.com/democenter/courses.cfm>
- HVAC training videos from HVACtraining.com:
<http://www.hvactraining.com/onstcoedclhe.html>
- TeacherTube: Cry Me A Verb (Spanish verb conjugation video):
http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=26386
- YouTube: Bicycle Repair and Maintenance Videos by InTown Bicycles:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/IntownBicycles>

Where to go for more information?

- *Distance learning opportunities for library staff*
 - Texas State Library and Archives Commission's provider list:
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/dl/opportunities.html>
- *Educational and professional development opportunities for patrons*
 - Webjunction: Resources for Staff to Help Patrons During Tough Times:
<http://wa.webjunction.org/691>
 - Distance Education Catalogs: <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/catalogs.cfm>
 - Texas Electronic Campus: <http://www.txelectroniccampus.org/> . Information on higher education opportunities in Texas via distance learning.
 - Distance Education and Training Council Accredited Institution Search:
<http://www.detc.org/accred.html> and online publication "Accredited Distance Education Courses for Employee Training and Development":
<http://www.detc.org/downloads/AccreditedDistanceEducationCoursesforEmployeeTrainingandDevelopment.pdf>
 - Vocational Information Center: <http://www.khake.com/index.html>
 - Western Governor's University: <http://www.wgu.edu/> -- fully accredited online university offering a variety of degrees
 - LearningExpress Library – online resource offers study aids, skill-building tutorials and career test prep resources. See a demo at:
http://www.learningexpressllc.com/demos/LEL_Flash_Demo/index.html. May be available through your Regional Library System.