As part of the Coding Initiative in Wisconsin Public Libraries, the Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is proud to offer scholarships for twenty library staff to participate in the online professional development course, “Coding Together, Learning Together” offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool Continuing Education Services.

The course runs from March 27 through April 21, 2017. There is no cost to scholarship recipients to take part in the course; the $125 course fee will be paid directly by DPI. Applicants must apply online by Friday, February 17, 2017. Twenty applicants will be selected, preferably representing all 16 regional library systems. This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Requirements
Applicants must:

- Be a Wisconsin public library staff member employed by a Wisconsin public library regularly offering library programming for all ages.
- Secure necessary permission from the library director (or library board) before applying. Participants can expect to spend 2-3 hours per week on coursework.
- Have access to a computer with a stable Internet connection for the duration of the course.
- Participate in coursework independently and asynchronously during the course dates of March 27-April 21, 2017.
- Complete before and after surveys related to awareness and application of course content.

The Course
Are you thinking about starting a coding club in your library, but you’re not sure where to start? Then this class is for you! Over four weeks we will cover everything from one-off events like Hour of Code to planning a weekly coding club, and all at little or no cost. Some of the programs we will explore are Scratch, Bitsbox, Code.org, as well as many other resources.

This course is asynchronous. Participants should plan to log in at least one time per week at their convenience to read the course content, view lectures, and participate in the discussion boards. Classes are organized for students and their instructor to work through material on a week-by-week basis. Each week, everyone moves to the next lesson and new discussion topics.

The Instructor
Casey Ineichen is currently a library media specialist at Winnequah Elementary School in Monona, Wisconsin. Last school year, she developed a successful after-school coding club for 4th and 5th grade students in Monona. She has presented at WEMTA and EdTech Team Wisconsin Summit and is looking forward to sharing even more during this class.

Application
Applicants must apply via the online application by Friday, February 17, 2017. Applicants who are offered a spot in the course will be notified via email by Friday, February 24, 2017; scholarship acceptance must be confirmed by Friday, March 3, 2017. All applicants will be notified about their status via email by March 10, 2017.

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