

## WebJunction Watch

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## Feeling Lucky? Visit WebJunction's Pot of Gold



March is a **lucky** month. In Kansas, we are the lucky ones because we have the rich resources of WebJunction at our fingertips. I dipped into the pot of gold at [WebJunction Kansas](http://ks.webjunction.org) (WJ-KS) and pulled out these gems.

Speaking of money, three new courses in the [course catalog](#) at WJ-KS will help you get a grip on the finances of your library. All three were created by LE@D at the University of Texas and all are **FREE** to registered WJ-KS members:

- **[Understanding Budgets](#)**: This course offers an overview that can help you take control of your library's budget process with confidence.
- **[Basic Budgeting](#)**: Learn how to construct your budget using the building blocks of forecasting, presentation, and adoption.
- **[Financial Management](#)**: Once the budget has passed, the work of managing it begins. This course delves into financial management issues including, budget revisions, tracking systems, and financial management software.

Two important budget items for most libraries are **technology** and **materials**. **[Technology Budgeting](#)** can help you plan for technology costs, but it doesn't offer any magic solutions. Visit **[Wishing Won't Work: 10 Things You Need to Know and Do When Applying for Technology](#)**

[Grants](#) (Stephanie Gerding) to find practical solutions for your technology budget. And don't forget to hit the boards. Join the discussions on [materials budget allocations](#) and [materials budgets for rural libraries](#) in [Discussions: All Aboard](#). (**Hint:** I found all these jewels in the [Weekly Tips](#) for February 25, 2008 – it was delivered to my e-mail box!)

Lucky Kansans have one more pot of gold: **the statewide databases**. Now it's easier than ever to search them. Just go to the **NEW [State Library of Kansas website](#)** and type your search into the sunny yellow search box. You'll be searching ALL of our online resources. A bonus feature is *IP recognition*, which means the leprechauns behind the curtain will check to see if you are searching from a computer in Kansas. For most of us they will do their magic and let us see our results without a Kansas Library Card login!

If you feel really lucky, try our **advanced search** link or browse the online resources by clicking on the **Explore Our Resources** link. You'll find both of these links in the yellow search box. The returns of your search will be listed by resource so you'll know exactly where you hit gold.

If you want to share this treasure with your library customers but you need a database search refresher, try this course from LE@D (**FREE** to WJ-KS members):

**[Using Databases](#):** This course will give you a general knowledge of online searching terminology and help you develop the skills you need to analyze search requests. The skill and confidence you gain through the practice exercises will help you identify the best method and tools for your online searches. Then use your skills to share the wealth of the databases with your customers.

Whether you are looking for gold in your library budget or searching for a map to the database treasures, I know [WebJunction Kansas](#) can be the pot of gold at the end of your rainbow. The key to this fortune is WJ-KS membership so if you haven't registered yet, do it today. You'll find registration instructions and tips in the [WJ-KS Registration Guide](#).

### **Until Next Month...**

Have questions about WebJunction? Have a favorite hangout at WebJunction Kansas? Have some WebJunction tips or tricks for making the most of WebJunction resources? Share them with Kansas Kilroy, c/o Cindi Hickey, [chickey@kslib.info](mailto:chickey@kslib.info).

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