

Training Course on Change Management in Libraries

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Library Institute	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamental principles and models of **change management**.
2. Identify the key drivers and challenges of **organizational change in libraries**.
3. Develop effective strategies for **communicating change** initiatives clearly and transparently.
4. Learn techniques for engaging **stakeholders** and building buy-in for change.
5. Assess and mitigate potential **resistance to change** within library teams.
6. Apply practical tools and frameworks for **planning and implementing change**.
7. Foster a culture of **adaptability and innovation** within the library organization.
8. Develop personal **leadership skills** to effectively guide teams through transitions.
9. Understand the importance of **emotional intelligence** in managing change.
10. Learn how to **evaluate the impact** and sustainability of change initiatives.
11. Explore the role of **technology adoption** as a catalyst for change in libraries.
12. Develop strategies for building **resilience and agility** in library staff.
13. Analyze **successful change management case studies** in library settings.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced ability to adapt to **evolving user needs** and expectations.
- Improved efficiency and effectiveness through streamlined **change processes**.
- Increased staff morale and engagement during periods of **organizational transition**.
- Stronger leadership capacity to drive **strategic initiatives** forward.
- More successful implementation of new **technologies and services**.
- A more resilient and **agile organizational culture**.
- Improved collaboration and **communication across departments**.
- Greater ability to achieve **strategic goals and objectives**.

Target Audience

1. Library Directors and Senior Leaders
2. Department Heads and Managers
3. Team Leaders and Supervisors
4. Project Managers in Libraries
5. Information Professionals

6. Archivists and Curators
7. Library Consultants
8. Anyone involved in leading or managing change within a library setting.

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Module 1: Understanding the Dynamics of Change

- Defining change and its various forms in organizational contexts.
- Exploring different models of change management (e.g., Lewin's 3-Step Model, Kotter's 8-Step Process).
- Analyzing the internal and external forces driving change in the library environment.
- Identifying the common challenges and pitfalls in managing organizational change.
- **Case Study:** The implementation of a new integrated library system (ILS) and the initial staff reactions.

Module 2: Leading with Vision and Strategy

- Developing a compelling vision for change within the library.
- Aligning change initiatives with the overall strategic goals of the organization.
- Communicating the vision effectively to inspire and motivate stakeholders.
- Creating a roadmap and timeline for the change process.
- **Case Study:** A library successfully redefined its mission and services to adapt to community needs.

Module 3: Engaging Stakeholders and Building Buy-in

- Identifying key stakeholders and understanding their perspectives on change.
- Developing effective communication strategies for different stakeholder groups.
- Techniques for addressing concerns and building support for change initiatives.
- Involving stakeholders in the planning and implementation process.
- **Case Study:** A collaborative approach to redesigning library spaces based on user feedback.

Module 4: Overcoming Resistance to Change

- Understanding the reasons behind resistance to change in library settings.
- Strategies for identifying and addressing sources of resistance.
- Techniques for fostering open dialogue and addressing concerns.
- Building trust and creating a supportive environment for change.
- **Case Study:** Successfully navigating staff resistance to the adoption of new digital resources.

Module 5: Planning and Implementing Change Initiatives

- Developing detailed action plans for implementing change.
- Allocating resources and managing timelines effectively.
- Establishing clear roles and responsibilities for team members.
- Monitoring progress and making necessary adjustments.
- **Case Study:** The step-by-step implementation of a new digital preservation workflow.

Module 6: Communication and Collaboration During Transition

- Developing a comprehensive communication plan for the change process.
- Utilizing various communication channels to keep stakeholders informed.
- Fostering effective collaboration and teamwork during transitions.

- Addressing rumors and misinformation proactively.
- **Case Study:** Maintaining clear and consistent communication during a library merger.

Module 7: Building a Culture of Adaptability and Innovation

- Identifying strategies to foster a mindset of continuous improvement.
- Encouraging experimentation and the adoption of new ideas.
- Recognizing and rewarding innovative behaviors.
- Creating opportunities for learning and development related to change.
- **Case Study:** A library that successfully implemented a staff suggestion program leading to innovative service improvements.

Module 8: Evaluating and Sustaining Change

- Developing metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of change initiatives.
- Gathering feedback and assessing the impact of changes.
- Strategies for sustaining the changes over the long term.
- Identifying lessons learned and adapting future change efforts.
- **Case Study:** Measuring the impact of a new outreach program on community engagement and library usage.

Training Methodology

This training course will utilize a blended learning approach incorporating:

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Group discussions and collaborative activities
- Practical exercises and simulations
- Case study analysis and application
- Individual reflection and action planning
- Q&A sessions and knowledge sharing

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.

- b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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