

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER September 14, 2015

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1) Estherville PL Holds Staff Development Day: Thanks to Estherville PL Director Tena Hanson for extending an invitation to **EPL's annual Staff Development Day on Tuesday October 20th**. A total of 6 c.e. credits are possible for the entire day, however participants are welcome to pick-and-choose whichever sessions they're able to attend. And while there is no registration fee, you are asked to pre-register here <http://goo.gl/forms/14xquGyijC>

This year's topics are both library-related and safety-related. Tena has more: *"...come early because at 8:30AM, we'll have free refreshments at the library before heading to the fire station for the day's first session shortly before 9:00AM. The day is free, lunch is on your own, staff members will have suggestions for lunch places. We're allowing 1 ½ hours for lunch so that you can decompress and share ideas with each other mid-day..."*

Here's the agenda:

9:00-9:50 = Hands-on fire extinguisher training at Estherville Fire Station. Each participant will get the chance to use an extinguisher, learning how they work and what types of techniques work on different types of fires.

10:00-10:50 = AED Training and Q&A. The head of Estherville's ambulance crew will offer training on the use of AED devices and talk about different types available, including those with paddles compatible with the ambulance service's units so that treatment would not need to be interrupted by the change of equipment when paramedics arrive.

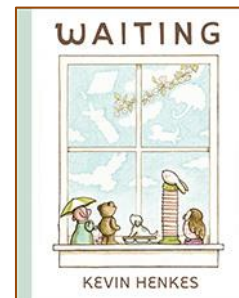
11:00-11:50 = Self-defense with Officer Reineke of the Estherville PD. Officer Reineke will cover ways to avoid physical contact with violent members of the public, how to escape a hold, and what moves work best if faced with an attacker.

1:30-3:20 = Hands-on Book Repair with Hallie Evans. Hallie will demonstrate different types of book repairs and allow participants the opportunity to try it for themselves (books provided)

3:30-4:20 = Little Free Libraries. Tena Hanson will explain how EPL's Friends Group began a Little Free Library Initiative, installing them in 3 city parks. Issues such as funding, volunteer time, necessary approvals, maintenance, and vandalism will be covered. An optional tour of the Little Free Libraries will conclude the session and the day.

Thanks again to Tena Hanson for graciously extending the invitation to EPL's Staff Development Day to nearby libraries!

2) Win a Visit By Author Kevin Henkes: Harper Collins Publishing is running a promotion for their children's author Kevin Henkes and his book Waiting. This promotion sounds fun and easy—all it involves is a creative display using Harper Collins' promo kit. Acquire the kit by emailing schoolandlibrary@harpercollins.com; be sure to include the mailing address of your library and use the subject line "Waiting promo kit request." (available while supplies last...)



If your library is able to secure a promo kit, then set about building a winning display ☺ You have until **October 15**—by then, you'll need to fill out an online entry form, with up to 4 photos of your display. The grand prize is an appearance by Kevin Hankes, along with a custom window display created by Henkes himself. Runners-up will receive a set of signed books. Winners will be notified by November 30. There is no purchase necessary; this contest is open to bookstores and libraries nationwide.

With so many creative children's librarians out there, some Iowa library should have a good chance at this, so why not give it a whirl ☺ Find the entry form and more details here <http://harperstacks.harpercollins.com/waitingcontest>



3) Register For Summer Library Program Workshops: Registration is now open for the **Summer Library Program Workshops**, find it in the c.e. catalog here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/> Offered at several locations statewide, **Northwest's date is October 28 @ Western Iowa Tech Community College.** Note that the workshop at **Cherokee** starts at **9:00AM**; at all other locations it's a 10:00AM start. (registration at Cherokee opens at 8:00AM)

The overall theme for **2016** is **Wellness, Fitness, and Sports**; slogans for the three age groups are:

- Early Literacy and Children's theme: ***On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!***
- Teen theme: ***Get in the Game...Read!***
- Adult theme: ***Exercise Your Mind—Read!***

Presenters this year are Molly Garrett, Teen Librarian at Cedar Rapids Public Library (Northeast District) and Erin Silva, Youth Services Librarian at Kalona Public Library (Southeast District). We'll bring lots of ideas, props, and displays, along with the CSLP Manuals (Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual) which will be distributed on-site at each workshop.

At each location, we will provide information about nearby restaurants, but attendees are also welcome to bring lunches. We encourage networking during lunch, and time for roundtable discussions will be built into the workshops.

Attend at any location that's most convenient, here's the list:

10/27 @ Atlantic Cass County Community
Center

10/28 @ Cherokee Western Iowa Tech

10/29 @ Mason City PL

11/3 @ Waterloo Center for the Arts

11/4 @ Coralville PL

11/5 @ Johnston PL



4) 2015 ILA Conference: This year marks the **125 anniversary** of the **Iowa Library Association**. So it's fitting that this year's fall conference celebrates that milestone with the conference theme "**ILA—The Next Chapter.**" Here's a look at just some of the education and recreation on the agenda:

Conference-goers will choose from 4 pre-conferences on Wednesday October 14:

- 1) Seeing Things Differently: Serving Individuals With Vision Loss
- 2) Active Teaching & Learning: Applying the Information Literacy Framework
- 3) Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts? Examining Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- 4) Tour Des Moines Historic Museums

Exhibits open on Wednesday, as does the silent auction fundraiser. The keynote speaker on Thursday morning is nationally known consultant and columnist Jamie LaRue. Friday's keynote speaker is Ben Bizzle, author of [Start a Revolution, Stop Acting Like a Library](#). Instead of the evening banquet, Thursday lightens things up with an informal meal and Trivia Night.

Then consider the dozens of concurrent sessions; here's a quick preview:

- Programming on a Shoestring Budget
- Social Media Tools, Tips, and Tricks
- Sitting All Day Will Kill You
- The Appy Hour: Family Fun @ Your Library
- Zoom Software for Online Meetings
- Icing on the Cake: Adding Summer Meals to Your Reading Program
- City Library, City Service

Find much more about **ILA's 2015 Annual Conference** on the web and make plans to attend this special 125th anniversary celebration of the **Iowa Library Association**
<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conference/conference-info>

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Busy week in Northwest District, as it's our turn for the **Town Meeting on Tuesday**, followed by another **full-day workshop on Wednesday**. Both events take place at the **Prairie Lakes AEA** building in **Storm Lake**. Amanda and I attending both days, so NW office will be closed Tues-Wed, although phones will be answered by colleagues elsewhere. Or email...that's good too, we're back on Thursday ☺

Tonight, I'll join Arthur PL Board for a discussion about library budget and finance. And there are plenty more national webinars in September—find those registration and other details here <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Storm Lake this week!

September 14. 7:00-8:00PM. *Teacher-Librarian Virtual Café: Back to School Special* sponsored by Teacher Librarian Virtual Cafe <http://tlvirtualcafe.wikispaces.com/>

September 17. 1:00-2:00PM. *Getting Started: Making Your Grant Requests Sparkle* sponsored by TechSoup <http://www.techsoup.org/community/events-webinars/default>

September 17. 1:00-2:00PM. *Successful Volunteer Interview Strategies* sponsored by VolunteerMatch <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

September 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *Making Difficult Conversations Easy* sponsored by Effectiveness Institute http://www.effectivenessinstitute.com/index.php?option=com_dregister&Itemid=54

September 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *The Necessity of Joy* sponsored by Pat Wagner with SieraLearn
For more information, visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8650224481218737665>



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