

## Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER October 19, 2015

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**1) Dates & Deadlines Heads-Up:** The ILA conference may be over for another year, but there are still plentiful workshops and webinars ahead this fall. From Director Roundtables to the Summer Reading Program workshops, from county meetings to the next Big Ideas Book Discussion. In addition to c.e. opportunities, there are some important deadlines looming as well. So much action that this summary offers a heads-up:

- Northwest Director Roundtables = Oct23 @ Arnolds Park, Oct30 @ Hawarden
- Northwest Summer Reading Program Workshop = October 28 @ Cherokee
- E-Rate For Newcomers = Oct27 or Oct28 online
- Annual Survey Deadline = October 31 (file online, call with questions...)
- Discover EXPLORA for EBSCOHost = November 3, 4, 5 (online, choose one...)
- Big Ideas Book Discussion = November 18 online (reading Contagious by Jonah Berger)
- ILOC: Iowa Libraries Online Conference = January 21, 2016
- Standards / Accreditation Report Due = February 29, 2016

Thanks to Maryann Mori who adds this note about the standards / accreditation process: "...if you're not sure when your library's accreditation expires, you can find out from this link on our website <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/Tier%20Status/tierstatusfy16> This same link displays your library's tier status if not fully accredited. Understand if your library's accreditation expires in June 2016, you will need to re-apply in FEBRUARY 2016. You'll need proof of revised policies, as well as a revised planning document that extends at least 3 years out. Don't wait, review the standards now to make sure you have all documentation in good order. View the standards book *In Service to Iowa* online here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/5thed...>"

Be sure to contact Iowa Library Services with any questions about the above programs, dates, or deadlines—we're happy to help!



## 2) Learn About New EBSCO Interface Called EXPLORA:

There's a new EBSCO interface in town and it's called **EXPLORA**. In fact, there are several **EXPLORA** interfaces for different age groups: one for elementary grades, one for secondary grades, as well as an all-purpose one for public libraries. Essentially, **EXPLORA** presents fresh and colorful search screens, picture-driven, topic-driven, all much more appealing and intuitive.

Jay Peterson has arranged a webinar to acquaint Iowa library staff with the new look. Lisa Dennis, a national trainer for the EBSCOhost corporation, will present the webinar. From the c.e. catalog: *"...EXPLORA supports student research of all ages with rich, reliable, content and easy-to-use functionality designed to meet the unique needs of its users. This product replaces the student learning products in EBSCOhost such as Searchasarus..."*

This webinar will cover:

- ✓ the search design of the new **EXPLORA** format
- ✓ the topic area searches for students
- ✓ a sample search using reading level limitations
- ✓ how using **EXPLORA** connects with information literacy for patrons of all ages

Register in the c.e. catalog <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/index.cgi> and choose among 3 possibilities:

- ✓ November 3 from 1:00-2:00PM
- ✓ November 4 from 9:00-10:00AM
- ✓ November 5 from 4:30-5:30PM



**3) Teen Read Week October 18-24:** It's **Teen Read Week**, giving libraries nationwide have great options for teen programming. **Teen Read Week October 18-24**, is a national literacy project sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of ALA.

The 2015 theme is **"Get Away @ Your Library."** This is your chance to spotlight all the resources and activities you provide for the teenage crowd. From the YALSA website: *"... What is so great about this year's theme is that it is so versatile. 'Get Away' can mean whatever you want it to mean. You can adapt your displays to fit your library collection, your interests, or the interests of your patrons. If your teens are realistic fiction fans,*

*go the travel route and highlight your collection of road trip titles. You can create a map display and emphasize books either set in the U.S. or in other countries...create map of the U.S. and display a title that takes place in each of the 50 states...lots of possibilities with this theme!..."*

The YALSA website <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/> is a good spot to find promotional materials, with links to a Pinterest page and ALA online store merchandise.

What are your plans for **Teen Read Week @ Your Library?**



**4) E-Rate For Newcomers Online Class:** Coming up next week—October 27 and October 28—is an online class titled “E-Rate For Newcomers.” From the c.e. catalog: “...*Would you like to save your library money on telecommunication costs this year? Would you like to save a large percentage of those bills by taking part in the E-Rate Program which helps libraries fund telecommunications? Most libraries in Iowa receive a discount off their telecommunication bills of 60% or higher. This online session will focus on the basics of the E-Rate Program...filling out forms, general topic overview, and the overall process will be covered...*”

Conducted by Jay Peterson and Pam Jacobs, this webinar is ideal for any library director or staffer who wants to know more about E-Rate. Worth 1 c.e. credit, choose from either October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00PM or October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00AM. Register soon in the c.e. catalog <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>

**5) Meetings / Events This Week:** The second of three **Director Roundtables** in Northwest District happens this **Friday October 23** (9:30AM-12:30PM) with **Arnolds Park Public Library** hosting. This is a guided discussion, the topic is **Facilitating Feedback**. Still time to register in the c.e. catalog but hurry—space is limited and registration closes tomorrow...

Check out these national webinars below, find registration instructions here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

**October 19.** 1:30-2:30PM. *Intellectual Freedom* sponsored by Idaho Commission for Libraries <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/info2go>

**October 20.** 1:00-2:00PM. *The Scoop on Series Nonfiction: More New Titles for Fall 2015* sponsored by Booklist <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

**October 20.** 2:00-3:00PM. *Engaging Adults Through Programming* sponsored by Demco  
<http://ideas.demco.com/webinars-category/>

**October 20.** 2:00-3:00PM. *Research in a Digital World: Electronic Resources for K-12*  
sponsored by School Library Journal <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

**October 21.** 1:00-2:00PM. *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: Early Literacy DIY* sponsored by  
Demco <http://ideas.demco.com/webinars-category/>



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