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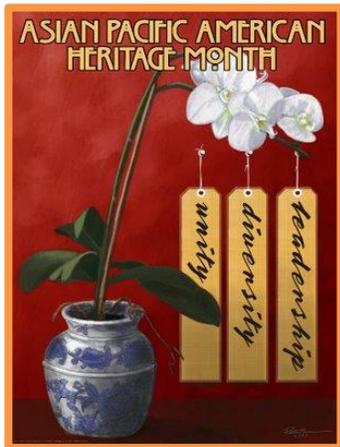
1) Tech Conference in Storm Lake: Northwest and Prairie Lakes AEA team up again in June for their 8th annual TICL Conference. TICL stands for Technology Integration for the 21st Century Learner and takes place June 20-22 at Buena Vista University campus in Storm Lake. Public library reps can plan on attending the first two days; teachers and faculty typically attend the third day (6/22) for work-group meetings with colleagues.

Without question, this tech conference is aimed at classroom teachers and principals. But it's also a very worthwhile event for public library staff as well. This conference offers exposure to national keynote speakers, raises awareness of new educational software and apps, and sets up public library staff to network with their school colleagues. Plus, Storm Lake is a close-to-home location for Northwest Iowa, closer than most regional and state conferences—that's a bonus!

From the 2016 TICL Conference site <http://www.ticl-ia.org/> "... *The 2016 TICL Conference offers many fun and informative opportunities to connect with peers and experts who share your commitment and your challenges. Teachers, technology directors, and school administrators will all benefit from this conference...*"

While breakout sessions are still being added to the conference website, one keynote speaker has been announced. Vicki Davis is a classroom teacher and IT director at a small school in Georgia. She coaches K-12 teachers on how to effectively use technology to reach every child in their classroom. Ms Davis has been writing the **Cool Cat Teacher** blog for over 10 years and has been an Edublog award finalist for **Best Teacher Blog** for the last nine years.

The cost is \$130.00 which includes meals at BVU campus cafeteria. Check back at the conference website to learn about the sessions being added and to register <http://www.ticl-ia.org/>



2) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: The month of May is known for many things: Cinco de Mayo, May Day, Older Americans' Month (see article #4) Eunice Riesberg relays that May is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/> and she has this information to share: "...*In celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, the State Data Center has updated the Asian and Pacific Americans in Iowa profile, found here* <http://www.iowadatacenter.org/Publications/api2016.pdf>. This printable brochure contains information from the 2014 American Community Survey including population, income, poverty, business, jobs, housing and education..."

Here are connecting websites to the topic

- **Scholastic** <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month>
- **DiversityInc** <http://www.diversityinc.com/diversity-facts/asianpacific-american-heritage-month-timeline-facts/>
- **PBS** <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/bookfinder/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/>

And for collection development on this topic, here are some recommended JV titles:

- Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michele Maria Surat
- The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan-Long Shang
- Sondok: Princess of the Moon and Stars by Sheri Holman
- Dear Miss Breed by Joanne Oppenheim

Be sure to contact Gary Krob at the Iowa State Data Center with questions about Asian-American or other such resources (515) 281-6618 | www.iowadatacenter.org

3) Discount on AWE Literacy Stations: Merri Monks shares this news concerning the **AWE Early Literacy Stations**. Iowa libraries are eligible for discounted pricing on the **AWE** stations now until **June 15**. "...*AWE's Digital Learning Solutions for young learners immerse children in an extremely rich environment with engaging content, reliable and low maintenance technology, and an easy to navigate administration system...*"



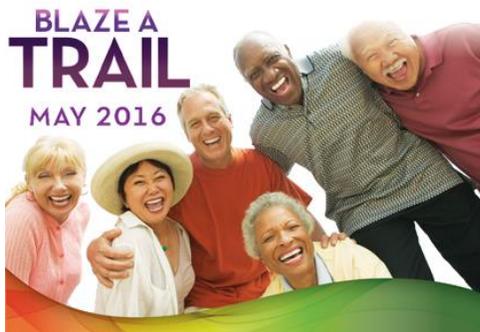
Here's a look at some of the features, followed by discounted pricing:

- Over 70 award-winning applications
- Safe Learning Environment = no internet required
- Usage Tracking
- Ease of Use = plug-and-play solution, out of the box ready
- Time-Tested = 47% of public libraries use AWE products to improve children's literacy skills and increase patron visits

Pricing:

- **Early Literacy Station or AfterSchool Edge* AIO Touch Screen** = Regularly \$3,150, special price \$2,678
- **Early Literacy Station - Bilingual Spanish* AIO Touch Screen** = Regularly \$3,350, special price \$2,848
- **Early Literacy Station or AfterSchool Edge^ Venue 11 Tablet** = Regularly \$2,750, special price \$2,338
- **Early Literacy Station - Bilingual Spanish^ Venue 11 Tablet** = Regularly \$2,925, special price \$2,487

Use Promotion Code: CSLP2016 to qualify for this offer. Contact Merri Monks with any questions (merri.monks@lib.state.ia.us) or contact the **AWE Account Executive** to place your order: Cynthia Busse at 281-210-7499 / bussec@awelearning.com



4) May is Older Americans Month: Since 1963, May has been designated as “**Older Americans Month.**” Originally titled “Senior Citizens Month” by President Kennedy, it was President Carter’s administration that re-named it “**Older Americans Month**” in 1980.

The 2016 theme is “**Blaze a Trail.**” The purpose of **Older Americans Month** is to acknowledge the vitality, aspirations, and contributions of older citizens, in particular those who defended our country. Every

President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation in May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Making **Older Americans Month** a perfect occasion for library book displays, bulletin boards, and programming.

The Administration on Aging, along with the Administration for Community Living are major sponsors of **Older Americans Month**; from their websites you can find logos and posters to help with your local promotions. Other sponsors include the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, the National Council on Aging, and the White House.

In celebration of **Older Americans Month**, Gary Krob at the Iowa State Data Center has updated the Older Iowans profile <http://www.iowadatacenter.org/Publications/older2016.pdf>. This printable brochure contains information about persons 65 and over living in Iowa from the 2014 American Community Survey including population, income, poverty, business, jobs, housing and education.

Learn more about **Older Americans Month** here <http://www.acl.gov/index.aspx> and share your plans with each other on IOWA LIBRARY COMMONS!

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Lots of action this week, when **Northwest Director Roundtables** continue with the second-of-three at **Sac City Public Library** tomorrow **Tuesday May 17**. **Roundtable #3** is **May 24** at **Spirit Lake PL**. Registration is still open for the Spirit Lake location <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>

Wednesday I'll join the NW Iowa City Clerks Association in Spencer with a presentation "City Library, City Service."

Two chances to catch **Website Worktime: Wednesday May 18 at 10:00AM** *OR* **Thursday May 19 at 9:00AM**. Everyone who works with a **PLOW website** is welcome to join Marie Harms and the District LRTs online in this Adobe classroom <https://ials.adobeconnect.com/webwork> No registration is required.

Wednesday is also NW Iowa's turn for a **face-to-face EBSCOhost class**; **Lake City PL** is hosting, the class runs from **1:00-3:00PM**. **Thursday May 19** is the next **Big Ideas Book Discussion** and the title up for discussion this time—It's *Complicated: The Social Life of Networked Teens*. **Online from 9:30-11:00AM**. And **Friday May 20** brings another **Friday Tech Focus, online 9:30-10:00AM**.

More national webinars to choose from yet this month. Find full descriptions and registration details at this link <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

May 16. 1:30-2:30. *Intellectual Freedom—Core Values for All Librarians* sponsored by Idaho Commission for Libraries <http://icfl.adobeconnect.com/ce>

May 17. 1:00-2:00PM. *YA Announcements: Summer 2016* sponsored by Booklist <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

May 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *Digital Skills for Older Adults: Teaching Technology in Public Libraries* sponsored by TechSoup <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/as9ypfhwz9ax&eom>

May 18. 4:00-5:00PM. *30 Apps in 60 Minutes* sponsored by EdWeb <http://www.edweb.net/emergingtech>



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