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## 1) Apply Now: Small Libraries Create Smart

**Spaces:** I just read this story on [WebJunction](#) and even though it requires quick action, it's too good an opportunity not to share. [WebJunction](#), in partnership with [ARSL](#) (Association for Rural & Small Libraries) is offering a chance for 15 small public libraries to receive instructional and material support to help transform their current floor plan into active learning spaces. In this case, small is defined as serving populations less than 25,000.

Launched in July 2016, [Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces](#) is a two-year program made possible by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services; the project is actually implemented by [WebJunction](#) and [ARSL](#). From [WJ's](#) website: "...*Smart library spaces are places designed to meet the needs of diverse communities. Smart spaces are where discovery and community intersect, fostering social connection among people of all ages by providing active learning that encourages exploration and play.*

*Each participating library will begin by reaching out to engage community members in the vision and the plan for the space. Prototypes will be created and tested with patrons, and libraries will create action plans to guide their comprehensive space and service transformations. Libraries will also gather community feedback ...while **WebJunction** staff and collaborating subject matter experts will guide participating libraries as they learn in-depth the many concepts and steps in creating **smart spaces**, using **WebJunction's** interactive online learning platform...."*

Applications are being accepted until **5:00PM October 21, 2016**. Read the full article posted by **WebJunction** here <http://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/smart-spaces.html> you'll find the application form embedded within the article. Give it try, small Iowa libraries—you could be rewarded with **Smart Spaces!**

**2) Save the Date for ILOC 2017:** And that date is **January 19, 2017!** While that sounds really far off, plans are already underway for this annual online conference sponsored by the State Library.

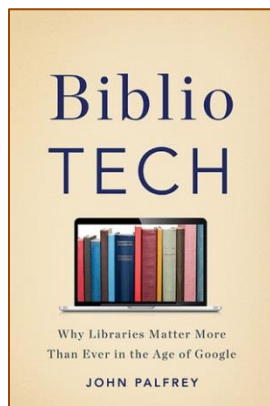
**ILOC** stands for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**, a winter education event that showcases Iowa library programming, practices, and accomplishments. The **2017 theme** is already decided: "**Lean Mean Library Machine!**" What we're looking for—with your help—are sessions that demonstrate how Iowa libraries are finding process improvements (i.e. cataloging, planning farther ahead for programs, etc) as well as time-saving practices, even board meeting efficiencies. In other words, all-around time management tips worthy of sharing because they're worth of replicating.



The **ILOC Conference** depends on you and your willingness to share your success stories with colleagues. We'll soon be posting a "**Call For Presentations**" form on our website. Breakout sessions should be prepped for **45 minutes** to allow time for audience Q&A. More about the **Call For Presentations** next week, just note for now that proposals are due by **November 3...**

Brand new for **ILOC 2017** will be **Library Hacks!** If you're not heard this term, a **library hack** is any procedure or action that saves time and/or money while still increasing awesomeness ☺ We're looking for a panel to present various **hacks**, so the prepping here will be very short **5-6 minute segments** sharing something that your library tweaked to make life a little easier.

Intrigued by **Library Hacks**? Here's a fun website to learn more <http://librarianhacks.com/> So it's time to save the date for ILOC 2017—January 19. And it's time to consider joining this conference as a speaker—or as a hacker—to share evidence of your **Lean Mean Library Machine!**



**3) Next Big Ideas Book Discussion:** Next in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google by John Palfrey. From GoodReads: *"...Libraries today are more important than ever. More than just book repositories, libraries can become bulwarks against some of the most crucial challenges of our age: unequal access to education, jobs, and information..."*

Palfrey writes about this digital age, saying *"anyone seeking to participate in the 21st century needs to understand how to find and use the vast stores of information available online."* Happily for us, he sees libraries as necessary portals to online information, saying *"...libraries play a crucial role in making these skills and information available. In order to survive our rapidly modernizing world with dwindling government funding, libraries must make the transition to a digital future..."* Attendees are sure to come away with fresh ways to tell this "bilibotech" story to funders, Friends, and patrons.

In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service. In addition to a great assortment of non-fiction titles, there are other spin-off benefits of **"Big Ideas:"**

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **"Big Ideas"** series for your own collections. And join us for the next good read BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google.



**4) October is Cyber Security Awareness Month:** This is a national campaign jointly sponsored by The National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) among other partners. **Cyber Security Awareness** focuses on educating the public, businesses, schools, and government agencies about ways to secure their piece of cyber space, their computers, and our national infrastructure.

The DHS website <http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month> offers tips and resources that can be used year-round: *"...we live in a world that is more connected than ever before. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. **National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)** is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives to raise awareness about cybersecurity and to provide them with tools and resources needed to stay safe online..."*

The DHS site also provides a **"Stop-Think-Connect" Toolkit** <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect> with material for K-12 students, parents, educators, older Americans, small business owners, and other demographics. Among several topics on cyber safety you'll find these

- ✓ Social Media Guide
- ✓ Cyber Security While Traveling Tips
- ✓ Chatting With Kids About Being Online
- ✓ Best Practices For Using Public WiFi

Learn more at these websites and come away with great ideas on how you can promote **Cyber Security Awareness Month @ Your Library!**

- **Stay Safe Online** <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>
- **U.S. Homeland Security** [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)
- **Iowa's Cyber Security Awareness website** [SecurityAwareness@iowa.gov](http://SecurityAwareness@iowa.gov)



**5) Meetings / Events This Week:** This is **ILA Conference Week**—for everyone heading to Dubuque, have a great conference and safe travels!

October brings a new slate of national webinars; find details and registration information at this link  
<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-/continuing-ed/other-conted>

**October 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *The Scoop on Series Nonfiction: More New Titles for Fall 2016*** sponsored by

Booklist <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

**October 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *People—Difficult or Different?*** sponsored by Effectiveness Institute

[http://www.effectivenessinstitute.com/index.php?option=com\\_dtregister&Itemid=54](http://www.effectivenessinstitute.com/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=54)

**October 11. 2:00-3:00PM. *Engaging Reluctant Middle Grade Readers*** sponsored by School Library Journal <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/#>

**October 12. 10:00-11:00AM. *Circulating the Internet: How to Loan WiFi Hotspots*** sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>



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