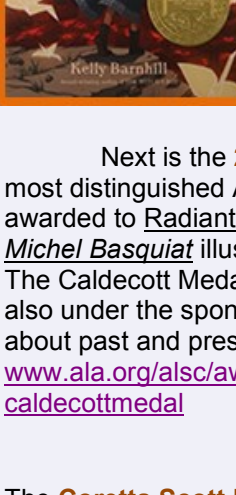




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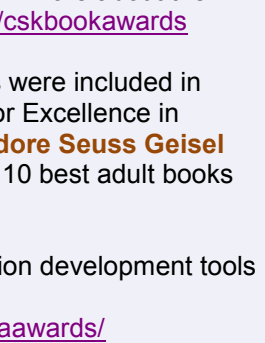
1) Newbery and Caldecott Winners Announced



Youth Services Consultant Merri Monks has this news about recently announced youth literature award winners. Starting with the **2017 John Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children's books, awarded to The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill.

The Newbery Medal has been awarded annually since 1922 by the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) a division of ALA. Learn more about past and present Newbery winners here <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newbery/medal/newbery/medal>

Next is the **2017 Randolph Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children, awarded to Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe. The Caldecott Medal has been awarded annually since 1938, also under the sponsorship of the ALSC-ALA. Learn more about past and present Caldecott winners here <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecott/medal/caldecott/medal>



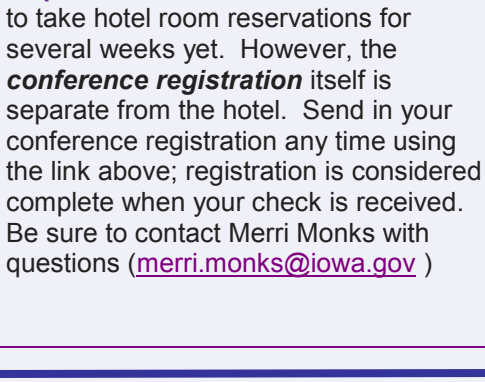
The **Coretta Scott King Book Award** recognizes African American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults; March: Book Three by Congressman John Lewis and Andrew Aydin is the 2017 winner. More about the Coretta Scott King Book Awards here <http://www.ala.org/emiert/ckskbookawards>

Literally dozens more children and YA literature awards were included in ALA's announcements, including the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Videos. The **Laura Ingalls Wilder Award**, the **Theodore Seuss Geisel Award**. And this interesting category: the **Alex Awards** for the 10 best adult books that appealed to teen audiences.

These award-winning children's books are great collection development tools for your library. Find them all here <http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/youthmediaawards/alayoutmediaawards>

2) Kids First Conference 2017 Brings Award-Winning Authors

Speaking of award-winning children's books, here are at least two more reasons to be excited about the State Library's **Kids First Conference**. One of this year's speakers is Kelly Barnhill, author of The Girl Who Drank the Moon, which won the 2017 Newbery Award for winning contribution to children's literature. A second speaker appearing at **Kids First**—Candace Fleming—recently won the Sibert Honor Award for her book Giant Squid.



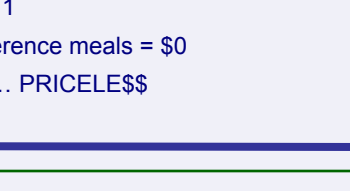
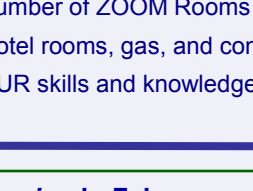
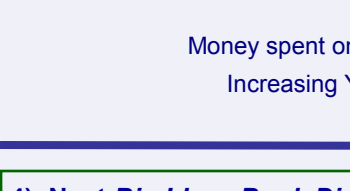
The **2017 Kids First Conference** takes place **May 1-2**, with an additional half-day post-conference on **May 3**. The location is **Des Moines Holiday Inn Airport and Conference Center**. The registration form is now available for downloading here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/kidsfirst%202011/kids-first-2017>

will be there to open the conference and Rick Brammer will be with us, too. We'll again have a storytelling festival on Monday evening. So experienced or not, if you would like to participate as a storyteller, just let me know...

Youth Services Consultant Merri Monks has more: "...*We have a great line-up of plenary session speakers this year: Carole Stevens, Linda Braun, Candace Fleming, and Newbery Award winner Kelly Barnhill. Iowa Public Television's Dan Wardell*

Back to hotel reservations: at this writing, the **Des Moines Holiday Inn Airport & Conference Center** is not able to take hotel room reservations for several weeks yet. However, the **conference registration** itself is separate from the hotel. Send in your conference registration any time using the link above; registration is considered complete when your check is received. Be sure to contact Merri Monks with questions (merri.monks@iowa.gov)

3) ILOC Conference Recordings Ready

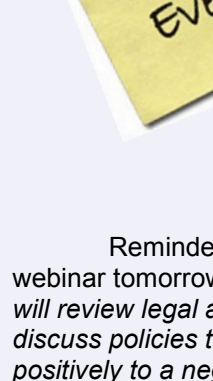


On the evening of January 19, State Library staff wrapped up another successful **ILOC**—that's our annual **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**. If you had trouble deciding which breakout session to attend—or if you missed the conference all together—you're in luck. Recordings of all **12 ILOC presentations**, including the morning and evening keynote speakers and the new-this-year Hack Panel, are now posted on our website at this link http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/iloc/copy_of_iloc-2016/Resources17

These recordings are good sources for staff training, as well as programming for library boards. So for one more proud shout-out to the **ILOC Team and all presenters this year**, congrats on achieving these numbers:

- Number of registered attendees = 266
- Number of attendees at opening keynote = 156
- Number of attendees at closing keynote = 100
- Number of presenters = 15
- Number of vendors = 9
- Number of CE Credits: 5.5
- Number of Adobe Classrooms: 3
- Number of ZOOM Rooms = 1
- Money spent on hotel rooms, gas, and conference meals = \$0
- Increasing YOUR skills and knowledge ... PRICELESS

4) Next Big Ideas Book Discussion in February



Next in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is How to Have a Good Day by Carolyn Webb. It happens online **February 24 at 9:30AM**. From GoodReads: "...*This book is arranged around seven practices that are central to having a good day, among them...having effective conversations, being resilient to setbacks, and sustaining our energy. Throughout, Webb teaches us how to be at our best even under pressure, and equips us to handle*

common challenges such as co-worker conflicts and difficult deadlines..."

Author Carolyn Webb points to practical applications, like worksheets for dealing with email overload "...*this is the book people want to read when they've finished Blink and Thinking Fast and Slow...when they are looking for practical ways to apply what they learn about their own lives and careers...*"

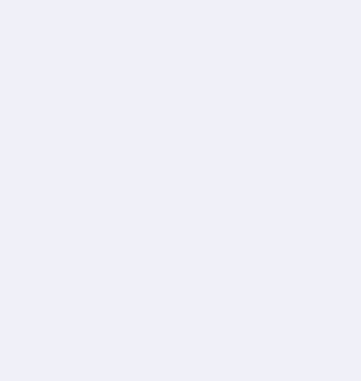
In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those 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. Join us for the next good read How to Have a Good Day!

5) Meetings / Events This Week



Road tripping on Wednesday for me, weather permitting...otherwise a quiet travel week.

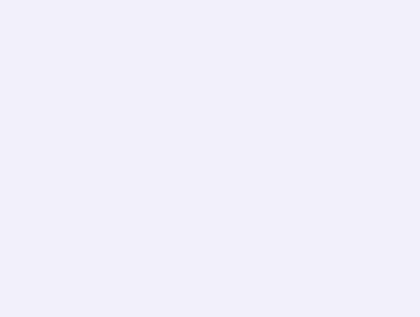
Important Deadline: public library directors and support staff who need to re-certify must send in all documentation by well... tomorrow! **January 31st** is the re-certification deadline, find instructions for doing so here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/cert>

Reminder to everyone pre-registered for this: the State Library sponsors a webinar tomorrow **Jan31** on **intellectual freedom (1:00-2:30PM)** "...*This session will review legal aspects of intellectual freedom, censorship, and confidentiality, discuss policies that affect privacy, and provide a real-life example of how to respond positively to a negative challenge...*"

Watching webinars in these cold months has some warm appeal. Find national webinars to choose from—with descriptions and registration info—on this webpage <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

January 31. 12:30-1:30PM. 7 Deadly Sins of Time Management sponsored by Velocity Firm <http://tinyurl.com/gu2nxb1>

January 31. 2:00-3:00PM. The Magic of Music in Storytimes sponsored by Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>



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