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Good Morning & Happy Easter! Today in EYE-OPENER April 17, 2017

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1) Iowa Small Library Association Meeting May 5: The spring meeting of the **Iowa Small Library Association** (ISLA, a subdivision of ILA) is quickly approaching on **May 5**. The meeting runs from **9:30AM-12:30PM**, beginning with a business meeting and followed by a program on time management for 2 c.e credits. The meeting will be conducted online.

At this writing, ISLA is looking for libraries willing to act as site hosts, so that people can gather at the host locations and watch the program as a group. If your library is willing to be a site host, please indicate that on the registration form.

There is a nominal fee to attend; the cost varies depending your ILA and/or ISLA membership status. This is the cost break-down:

\$5 fee for ILA / ISLA members

\$10 for non-ISLA

\$15 non-ILA / non-ISLA

Of special note: two scholarships will be given away to spring meeting attendees:

- **One (\$100) Summer Reading Program Scholarship** awarded to an attendee from a library size A or B
- **One of three (\$150 each) ILA Conference Scholarships** to attend the ILA conference October 18-20 in Coralville. To be eligible to win, you must attend the ISLA spring program, be a member of ISLA, and currently work in a small library (size A-E)

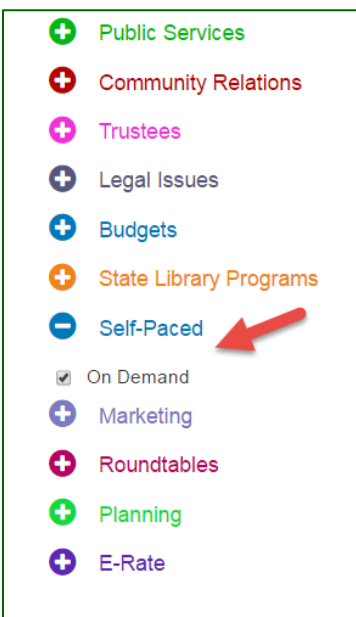
Last week on NW District List, I posted two flyers connected with this event: one was the full program description, one was the registration form. Please look to those documents for full meeting information; additionally, you're welcome to contact Sarah Sellon, ISLA Program Committee Chair (319-848-7616 / ssellon@ely.lib.ia.us) with questions.



2) New Self-Paced C.E. Options: Continuing Education Coordinator Alysia Peich is especially happy to share this news: the State Library announces **new self-paced options** for your continuing education! These courses are

considered "**on demand**," meaning you work on your own and for as long as you need to complete the course.

Alysia has more: *"...Most of our **self-paced, on-demand courses** include recordings of our past webinars, which are broken into shorter chunks so that you do not have to watch a full recording in one sitting. After viewing the video clips, there is a short quiz that tests your understanding. After answering all of the quiz questions correctly, an attendance certificate is unlocked. You can print and/or save the certificate for your records. Your CE catalog account will also reflect when you've completed each course successfully."*



Register for **self-paced on-demand courses** in the CE catalog <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com> just as you would for a live webinar or face-to-face event. You can search for self-paced courses using the "**self-paced**" tag and selecting "**on demand**"—see illustration at left.

After registering, go to "**My Account**" and look for the name of the **self-paced course**. Click on the "**Launch**" button to the right of the course title. Clicking on the launch button will take you to Moodle, where you will see the recordings, quiz, and certificate.

Important: You must always access your **self-paced on demand courses** from the CE catalog. To return to your self-paced courses, log into the catalog and go to "**My Account**" in order to access your course using the "**Launch**" button.

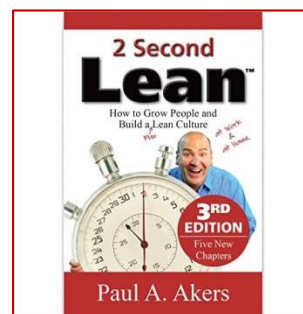
Self-paced courses currently available for registration:

- *Chocolate and the Art of Programming* (1.5 credits)
- *Intellectual Freedom, Censorship, and Confidentiality* (1.5 credits)
- *Reliable Records Retention For Your Library* (1 credit)
- *One Book, One Community Programs* (1.5 credits)
- *Digitizing with Iowa Heritage Digital Collections* (1 credit)
- *Open Meetings: It's the Law* (1.5 credits)
- *Deciding for E-rate* (1 credit)

We'd love to hear from you when you give this a whirl, let us know about your experience. In the meantime, send Alysia some jelly beans or something—she's done the heavy lifting on this project, which continues to be a big undertaking.

Thanks to Alysia for this article—and for these new self-paced education options!

3) Big Ideas Book Discussion May 18: Next up in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is 2 Second Lean: How to Grow People and Build a Fun, Lean Culture at Work and at Home by Paul Akers (3rd edition, c2016) This happens online **May 18 (9:30-11:00AM)** From GoodReads: *"...2 Second Lean will flip your world right-side up. It's a practical way to improve your life every day by making a simple 2 second improvement. Join author, business expert, radio show host, and international speaker Paul Akers, as he takes you on a LEAN journey that will transform every aspect your life... from your home to the office."*



This book brings us back to the keynote presentation at the State Library's January ILOC conference when we welcomed Teresa Hay McMahon, executive director of the Iowa LEAN Consortium. Teresa has a great deal of experience in applying LEAN concepts to businesses and government agencies. It's all about examining workflow to find new efficiencies, streamlining procedures, re-thinking available resources, while still providing quality customer service. Teresa's experience with LEAN concepts makes her an ideal person to help facilitate this discussion.

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, so take note to acquire the 3rd edition c2016. Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index> Make plans to join us for the next good read: 2 Second Lean!



4) SILO Re-Vamp Begins: The State Library is rolling out a new version of the **SILO Interlibrary Loan System** for participating Iowa libraries and their customers. The new system launched on April 1; **library directors and staff should begin creating new accounts now**, so that you can begin adding new ILL requests starting May 1. **Instruction page** here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/q-s/silo/interlibrary-loan/new-ill-system>

The current **SILO Interlibrary Loan System** has served libraries well for 20 years, but the new version improves workflow and adds several features, including a portal for library patrons to request their own interlibrary loans, improving customer service.

Both the old and new **SILO ILL systems** will run simultaneously as transactions continue to move through the old system. Menu options on the old system will gradually disappear as the functionality moves over to the new system.

Libraries will continue to be responsible for uploading their collection of MARC records for inclusion in the **SILO Locator** through the old system until that function is active in the new system. Also, library staff can continue to submit updates to the [Iowa Library Directory](#) through the old system, but eventually that web access will go away. The System Activity Summary Reports will continue to be available through the old system for quite some time.

Webinars to overview the new **SILO ILL system** began last week, with a few more scheduled this week and next. Find additional dates and times in the new C.E. Catalog <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index>



5) Meetings / Events This Week: Catch a webinar **tomorrow April 18** overviewing **the new SILO ILL System**—from **1:00-2:00PM**.

Also this week, libraries with PLOW websites are encouraged to attend **Website Worktime(s)** Choose from two dates / times: **April 19 @ 10:00AM OR April 20 @ 9:00AM**. April's topic is **"Adding Files as a Content Type and Working with Files in PDF Format"** with Marie Harms instructing. **Website Worktimes** uses **ZOOM** online conferencing software. Contact NW District Resource Technician

Amanda Grom (amanda.grom@iowa.gov) if you need assistance with ZOOM.

April brings showers, yes. Plus a new slate of national webinars to choose from. Find descriptions and registration info here

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

April 17. 1:30-2:30 PM. *It's In the Bag! Kits of All Types and for All Ages.*

Sponsored by Idaho Commission for Libraries <http://icfl.adobeconnect.com/ce>

April 18. 1:00-2:30PM. *15 Free STEM-tastic Tools for Educators* sponsored by

SimpleK12 <http://www.simplek12.com/upcoming-webinars/>

April 19. 1:00-2:00PM. *Re-evaluating Existing Library Spaces and Furnishings on a*

Budget sponsored by Demco <http://ideas.demco.com/webinars/>

April 20. 1:00-2:00PM. *Quick Data Tools* sponsored by U.S. Census Bureau

<https://census.webex.com/census/k2/j.php?MTID=t926613bd207ccd2ddfe7664ea45d949c>



Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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