



Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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Today in Monday Morning Eye-Opener August 14, 2017

ILA Conference Scholarships



The **Iowa Library Association's annual conference** happens every fall. And this fall it happens **October 18-20** at the **Coralville**

Marriot Hotel & Convention Center. The ILA Foundation is providing attendance incentives—make that six incentives!

The ILA Foundation has six \$250.00 scholarships available: four are from the Susan Lerdal Scholarship Fund and two are given by the Biblionix Corporation.

Applicants must be paid members of ILA and also meet one of the following criteria:

- a) Be a first-time conference attendee
- b) Be on staff at an Iowa library fewer than three years
- c) Be a library science student
- d) If applying for a Biblionix scholarship, applicants must work at a small public library

Application deadline is September 1; the button below takes you to the application form with mailing instructions. Note that previous scholarship winners are not eligible to win again.

[Link to Scholarships](#)

ILA Conference Registration is Open

Speaking of **ILA's fall conference**, registration is ready on the conference website: save the dates **October 18-20** in **Coralville** this year.



With ILA President Rebecca Funke at the helm, the **2017 theme is “Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success.”** Keynote speakers include Jody Gray with ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach; Kory Stamper author of Word By Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries; and Michelle Hoover, Iowa author of Bottomland

Among the dozens of concurrent sessions reflecting the theme of inclusion:

- White Pages, White Faces
- Sensory Storytimes
- Pop Culture Programming
- Customer Service Training
- Fake News
- Coding Clubs For Kids

Plus **Trivia Night** is back on Thursday evening. Hosted by IPTV favorite Dan Wardell, the evening includes dinner, dessert, and a cash bar—all for \$33.00/person. **Trivia Night** needs teams of 8; all interested parties need to pre-register.

Yet another important “**Save The Date!**” Read more...



Performers' Showcase in September



This year, **ILA’s Youth Services Subdivision** is sponsoring the **2017 Performers’ Showcase**. This popular program sets up an opportunity to see children’s performers—live and in person—as they present a preview of their summer shows. Attendees are then able to decide which performers to book, and just as importantly, attendees are able to partner with nearby libraries to share programming expenses.

There are **three Performers’ Showcases** this year, each one in **September**, each one running from **9:30AM-3:00PM** for **5.5 c.e. credits**.

- **Sept 20th @ Milford**
- **Sept 21st @ Marshalltown**
- **Sept 22nd @ Mt. Pleasant**

Kelly Stern with Cedar Falls Public Library—and ILA Youth Services Subdivision Chair—promises a more detailed look at the day’s schedule coming soon. Kelly writes: “...at least one of the showcases will be recorded and uploaded at a later date for viewing by those who are unable to attend...all performers in the showcase have been recommended by other Iowa librarians and/or by Rick Brammer, a

longtime performer himself and the coordinator of the performers asked to participate..”

Registration will be on-site at each venue, there is no pre-registration required. Send any questions to Kelly Stern at kellymstern@gmail.com. **And save the dates!**

Events This Week:

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Cherokee PL Director Zach Freking-Smith leads a webinar tomorrow—**Tuesday August 15**—on **Banned Books Week Programming** (10:00-11:00AM)

This **Wednesday August 16**, the State Library of Iowa joins three other state libraries in sponsoring a **virtual staff development day**. The theme is centered around **libraries and community engagement**. The time is **10:00AM—4:00PM**. And the cost—entirely free! For more details and to register, go to

[Virtual Staff Day](#)

Hands-on **PLOW website classes** continue this week and into early September. Do take advantage of this in-person opportunity to work on your **PLOW website** with Marie Harms instructing. Find dates and locations nearest you in the c.e. catalog.

[C.E. Catalog](#)

One more change to note with the **Eye-Opener**: moving to the new **GovDelivery** software leads to a shorter, more streamlined format. So I'm letting go of previewing national webinars in this space. Thanks to Alysia Peich, national webinars from other education providers are uploaded to our website every month. Just click the button below for dozens of online options that bolster our training efforts and your lifelong learning!

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