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Good Morning! July 9, 2018

TeenLive Online Conference

From School Library Journal

School Library Journal will soon present its seventh annual **SLJ**

TeenLive Virtual Conference. The

date is **August 15** and this year's theme is **"Speaking Truth to Power."** This theme revolves around *"the exciting and impactful role that young people have in the world today and how the library is a place where they can be inspired to affect change...from the latest YA lit trends to evergreen topics in teen services, these [sessions] will equip you with the tools, information, and book savvy you need to re-energize your programming and collections."*



This is an all-day online conference, certainly convenient and especially affordable—there is no registration fee! In addition to keynote speakers and concurrent sessions, attendees will hear from up-and-coming YA authors talking about their latest titles for teens. Among the authors are Elizabeth Acevedo ([Poet X](#)) Sabaa Tahir ([A Reaper at the Gates](#)) and Dhonielle Clayton ([The Bells](#))

Advance registration is required, the button below takes you to the registration page.

[TeenLive Registration](#)

Get an Edge Up:

[Gather Information](#)



For several weeks in the **Eye-Opener**, we're breaking down the process of getting started with the **Edge** program. So far, we've explained how to set up your library's **Edge** account, a needed first step to fully participate. Last week's article centered on how to download the **Assessment Workbook**.

The next step will take the most time because it's the information gathering phase. Think about how you prep to complete the State Library Annual

Survey each fall. Most directors print a copy of a worksheet first, using it to fill-in-the-blanks with needed numbers before turning to the online survey. That same practice will be useful here: gather needed information first before turning to the actual online assessment.

We suggest first reviewing the [Edge Assessment Workbook](#) and also access the [Edge Answer Key](#). The **Answer Key** displays explanations / solutions that correspond to most of the assessment questions. And don't forget this: [Edge Tech Support](#) is available via live office hours 8:00-4:00CST Monday-Friday. Chat with people "in the know"—these are actual Edge program staffers.

Remember, the State Library of Iowa is paying for full access to the **Edge** resources for Iowa's **public** libraries. We urge all **public** libraries to participate, as this project will benefit communities of all sizes. Keep watching this space for more tips and be sure to share this important opportunity with your boards, too. Then together, **Take the Pledge, Join the Edge!**

The Edge

Grant Opportunity

For Coding Clubs @ Your Library

This story comes from State Librarian Michael Scott. IMLS (Institute for Museum & Library Services) has issued a grant in the amount of \$249,000.00 to be awarded to 50 libraries in the U.S. through a program called **Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries**. North Dakota State Library will administer this grant that will help support young people in learning computer coding.



The project rationale is explained this way: small, rural communities are at risk of being left behind as computer programming emerges as a critical skill. Plus, the access gap to computer science education is widening between urban and rural America. **Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries** helps libraries in rural communities introduce computer coding to thousands of youth aged 8-14, enabling them to gain important skills needed for college and career readiness.

From IMLS Director Kathryn Matthew: *“As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences, and humanities. IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant program...”*

North Dakota State Library will partner with ARSL (Assoc for Rural and Small Libraries) YALSA (Young Adult Services Assoc. of ALA) and El Camino Community College District. Learn more about this grant project through their official [Facebook group](#)

There is also an **informational webinar** today at 12:00noon (July 9) Details about the webinar on the **grant application page** linked below. If you want to pursue this grant opportunity for your library, **the deadline is July 16; recipients will be notified by August 1.**

[Grant Application](#)



This Week ...

Even though the month is young, it doesn't hurt to look ahead to **July 31**—that's the deadline to submit your library's **Enrich Iowa Report**. This is the FY18 year-end report indicating how you spent your library's **Direct State Aid** funding; Open Access checkouts transactions are needed, too. Read more here with links to the **Enrich Iowa report** <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia>

District offices will be closed on **Wednesday July 11** due to staff meetings in Des Moines.

Leave email or voice messages for us, we're back on Thursday.

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