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Good Morning! December 3, 2018

Free Online Course:

Stand Up For Health



Registration is now open for the February 2019 cohort of **Stand Up For Health: Health & Wellness Services For Your Community**. This free online course was developed in cooperation with the National Libraries of Medicine, WebJunction, and the Public Library Association. Its intention is to create a cohort learning experience. Sponsors predict high demand for this course, so at this time, registration is

limited to public library staff.

Over four weeks, participants will explore consumer health, free health resources for library patrons, health reference service in a public library environment, and developing health and wellness related programming. The course provides 12 continuing education (CE) hours from the Medical Library Association (MLA) and covers the five competencies required for a Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) from MLA.

The course begins February 4 and runs through March 3. Participants should plan to spend 3-4 hours each week on coursework. While there are no set hours to be online each week, it is important to complete the assignments and discussions in a

timely fashion so as not to fall behind. New class content will be released each Monday.

Register for the **Stand Up For Health** course at the button below. With questions, contact Bobbi Newman with Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa (bobbi-newman@uiowa.edu / 319-335-4987) Thanks to State Library Consultant Becky Heil for this story!

Course Registration: Stand Up For Health

ILA Is Recipient Of...

The Downs Intellectual Freedom Award



The Iowa Library Association recently learned that it is the 2018 recipient of the Downs Intellectual Freedom Award. Co-sponsored by Libraries Unlimited, this national award is given annually by the University of Illinois' School of Information Science.

ILA's Intellectual Freedom Committee was chosen *"for taking a leadership role in several highly visible challenges to intellectual freedom."* Cited among ILA's recent work:

- 2015: For working with the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom to reinstate Sherman Alexie's [Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) into the Waterloo (IA) Community School District curriculum.
- 2017: For defending the retention of Peter Chbosky's [Perks of Being a Wallflower](#) in the AP English curriculum of Hempstead High School in Dubuque after the book was challenged.
- 2018: For offering support and guidance to Orange City Public Library following challenges to the inclusion of LGBTQ books in the library's collection, along with a subsequent book burning by a nonresident who shared his actions on YouTube.

Read more about the Downs Intellectual Freedom Award by clicking below. And congratulations to ILA's Intellectual Freedom Committee! Chair Sam Helmick, Paula Brown (Spencer PL) Nathan Clark (Emmetsburg PL) Darryl Eschete (West DM PL) Annah Hackett (Grand View University) Nancy Luikart (Muscatine Community College) Lisa Martincik (University of Iowa) Jill O'Neill (Clinton Public Library) Jennifer Smith (St. Ambrose University) and Amanda Vazquez (Orange City PL)

Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

Grants For Science Kits



From Electrical & Electronic Engineers

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is offering **IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries Grants**. These are grants up to **\$2,000 in funding** to public libraries in the Midwest, including the entire state of Iowa, for the creation of circulating math and science collections. The project seeks to be a catalyst for educating students about how math and science are used for the benefit of humanity and to provide seed money **for creation of a science kit collection** that will make a lasting impression on the community.

Past grants have allowed several Midwestern libraries to develop science kit circulating collections, giving students access to prepared experiments and science materials that they might not encounter in the traditional classroom. Additionally, these libraries have created educational programs that allow students to conduct experiments at the library. This is a program of IEEE-Region 4, serving Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and more Midwest states.

Click the button below for science kit descriptions, grant guidelines, the application form itself, and testimonials from past grant recipients. Marshalltown PL (IA) is a past grant winner. **Applications opened on November 1st and remain open through January 19, 2019. Grant announcements will be made in late February—good luck, Iowa public libraries!**

[IEEE Science Kits Grants](#)

This Week and Next ...



This **Wednesday December 5th** (1:30-2:00PM) sees another webinar promoting the **Gale suite of products**—this time learn more about **Transparent Languages**. From the C.E. Catalog description: *“Review new features such as Kidspeak (designed for young children) the in-app push notifications to keep patrons more actively involved with the program, the addition of ‘My Transcript,’ as well as course and unit completion certificates to help patrons track their language learning progress...”*

Next week **December 11th** catch a webinar conducted by Scott Dermont titled **“Setting the Standard: The Accreditation Application for FY20.”** (2:00-3:00PM) From the C.E. Catalog description: *“...the Accreditation and Standards program encourages the ongoing development of high quality public library service in Iowa. Every three years, each library reports its progress toward achieving standards and*

/ or full accreditation. Because tier levels are used to determine state funding for participating libraries, it is critical for all public library directors to be familiar with the State Library's accreditation and standards program..."

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