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Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 10, 2018

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Good Morning! December 10, 2018

Meet New Staff

At The State Library Of Iowa

The State Library welcomed two new staff members in 2018, with a third new staffer beginning in January. So today a chance to meet our newest team members, along with a reminder about changes with the District Library Resource Technicians.



Lacey Partlow joined the State Library staff in June. She has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences. Lacey formerly worked at Stuart (IA) Public Library for five years, as well as the 8th Circuit Court of

Appeals Law Library for three years, prior to joining the State Library team. At our agency, Lacey is stationed in Des Moines as a Library Resource Technician, primarily working with continuing education assistance.

Samantha Berch joined the State Library staff in September as an Accounting Technician. With a background in finance including life insurance, home mortgages, and investments, Sam says she likes the pace at the State Library—and the friendly faces! Plus she is anxious to use her skill set in government work and in looking at grants.

Angie Manfredi is our newly hired Youth Services Consultant. Angie is moving to Iowa from New Mexico, having worked as Head of Youth Services at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos (NM) for the past 11 years. She is active in ALA and very accustomed to developing and presenting YA workshops. Angie's first day at the State Library is expected to be January 22nd.

An additional reminder about the great **Library Resource Technician Swap of 2018!** These personnel changes at the District Offices came about because of retirements. Remember that **Amanda Grom** is now the Library Resource Tech (LRT) for **both Northwest and Southwest Districts**. **Dori Buls** is the LRT for **both Central and Southeast Districts**. And **Trisha Hicks** is the LRT for **both North Central and Northeast Districts**. The LRTs are standing by to help with all of your techie questions!



ILOC Conference In January

Libraries & Community Engagement

Be sure to protect your calendar for **January 17, 2019**—that’s the date for the State Library’s annual **ILOC Conference**. Standing for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**, this education event is conducted entirely online, offering a morning keynote speaker, breakout sessions throughout the day, and an evening program aimed at trustees.

The **2019 ILOC** theme is **“Libraries at the Center of Community Life.”** With their commitment to meeting citizen needs, libraries seek ways to serve and strengthen their communities. Sometimes needs arise beyond the conventional realm of library service. Through the strength of non-traditional partnerships, libraries offer innovative solutions to a variety of challenges in their communities. Libraries can become the place for citizens to participate in decision making and help shape the community’s future.

The morning keynote speaker is Ryan Dowd, executive director of a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago. He regularly travels the country training libraries, police departments, schools, and other organizations on how to work compassionately with homeless individuals. Ryan is the author of [The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#), published by ALA.

We’ll preview **ILOC** breakout session in a future edition of **MMEO**. Again, **ILOC** is done online in our Zoom Seminar Room. Attend from your library or from the



comfort of home. Come and go throughout the day, attending as many sessions as you can. One goal of **ILOC** is to replicate an in-person conference, but entirely free and without any travel required—except from your coffee pot to your recliner!

Registration is open:

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Out Of This World Programming



[Learn More at January Webinar](#)

In early 2017, Estherville Public Library and Ericson Public Library (Boone, IA) were two out of 75 libraries nationwide to be awarded the NASA @ My Library grant. Through this grant, both libraries have spent a year developing and offering space-themed programming for children, teen, and adults. **On**

January 10 (2:00-3:30) Children’s librarians Paula Spoo (Estherville) and Zachary Stier (Boone) will present a webinar titled **“Out of This World Programming,”** explaining their space programs from design to launch!

NASA @ My Library was developed to increase STEM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underserved in STEM education. **NASA at My Library** is a partnership of the Space Science Institute, the Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and ALA.

Make plans to attend the **“Out of This World Programming”** webinar on **January 10th**. It’s a timely opportunity to help launch your 2019 summer library program because the theme next summer is space, the slogan **“A Universe of Stories.”** Registration for this January webinar is open at the button below

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News & Reminders

Tomorrow **December 11th** catch a webinar 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 accreditation. Because Accreditation Tiers are used to determine state funding levels for participating libraries, it is critical for all public library directors to be familiar with the State Library's accreditation and standards program...”

In the market for copy paper? Public libraries can stock up thanks to AEA Purchasing. The winter 2018-19 paper buy (on various weights and colors for copy machines and printers, envelopes also) is going on now through January 11, 2019—that’s the ordering deadline.

AEA Purchasing is a statewide coordinated purchasing program that assists Iowa K-12 schools with negotiated discounts on office and janitorial supplies, computer hardware, software, etc. Thanks to the AEAs, Iowa’s public libraries are eligible for

many of the same discounts. And paper is one of them. Visit the AEA website for ordering information

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