



April 2019

Featured May Events

Join us for Director Roundtables in May on Libraries and Community Engagement

16 Locations Across the State

Library directors, join State Library staff along with your peers at the annual Director Roundtables meetings being held across the state in May! With 16 locations, you won't have to travel far for valuable discussion and networking time with others who understand the challenges of running a library.

Each year, the CE Team at the State Library selects a theme with the goal of offering a variety of continuing education opportunities throughout the year centered on that theme. Director Roundtables will follow the State Library's overall education theme for 2019: Libraries & Community Engagement.

We know that public libraries are an essential city service, but they also provide an important human service. As city libraries step more fully into responding to citizen needs and interests, they become a primary place where people come together for community conversation, educational programs, and lifelong learning.

Roundtable discussion is expected to touch on these topics:

- **Future Ready Iowa**—how can public libraries become partners in this effort?
- **Brainfuse**—how are public libraries partners in education?
- **Social Justice**—how are public libraries partners in social justice projects?
- **Edge**—what does your Edge Assessment tell you about potential community engagement goals?
- **Programming** like Books Into Action, The Human Library, etc.
- **Facilitating community conversations** on local issues, current events, national news

Librarians earn three CE hours by attending the event. View all of the locations and dates and register at the link below.

[Register for a Director Roundtable Event](#)

Should I Report This? How Librarians Can Work With DHS (Webinar)

Friday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

What should library staff do about seemingly neglected children, supervised visits that don't appear to be





supervised, or other situations that cause concern? Are library staff mandatory reporters? Does calling DHS violate library privacy aspects? State law librarian Mandy Easter will moderate a Q&A webinar with Maureen Barton from Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) which will address these and other questions often asked by library staff.

[Register for Should I Report This?](#)

New Series: Monthly Booktalks for Ages 0-18

Check It Out! New Books for Ages 0-18 (Webinar)

Thursday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join State Library Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi on the last Thursday of each month for a review of brand new titles published for ages 0-18. You'll hear short booktalks of new titles (and new entries in ongoing series) from major and Indie publishers and get ideas on how to keep up with the endless tide of what's new in kidlit and young adult literature.

[Register for New Books for 0-18](#)



More Upcoming Opportunities



Business Reference Materials in Credo Reference (Webinar)

Wednesday May 1, 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

National Small Business Week is in May. Find ways to help your local businesses by joining us for a 30 minute overview of Business Reference materials.

[Register for Business Reference Materials](#)



Big Ideas Book Discussion: *Palaces for the People* (Webinar)

Thursday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The second book in the **2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg. The title actually comes from Andrew Carnegie's description of the hundreds of public libraries that his philanthropy made possible. Klinenberg is a sociology professor; in this book he writes that public spaces act as social equalizers, believing that the future of democratic societies rests on shared public spaces.

[Register for Big Ideas Book Discussion](#)

Self-Paced Learning

Library Volunteers: Tapping into Community Engagement

1 CE Credit

Volunteerism is changing! Libraries now have the opportunity to engage highly skilled volunteers who can bring unique their expertise to bear on the library's mission. This webinar showcases the potential for your community whether your library is large or small. Actual success stories of innovative library volunteer engagement is shared.

[Take the Library Volunteers Course](#)

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