



# Monday Morning Eye-Opener September 30, 2019

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Good Morning! September 30, 2019

## Save The Date



### For ILOC 2020

Yes, this is long-range thinking! But plans are already underway for the State Library's annual online conference known as **ILOC**. The acronym stands for **Innovative Libraries Online**

#### Conference.

The date is **January 16, 2020** and the sessions will center on project management. The day begins with a keynote speaker and ends that evening with another keynote presentation on a topic aimed at library trustees. Sandwiched in between are breakout sessions covering various aspects of project management. The **ILOC** Team will soon have a "**Call For Proposals**" form available for any library staff interested in submitting an idea for a conference session.

There's lots of ways to think about library projects in terms of organizing your time and available staff to stay ahead of deadlines and find new efficiencies. As you consider submitting a conference proposal, think about these angles to share what you've found works well @ your library:

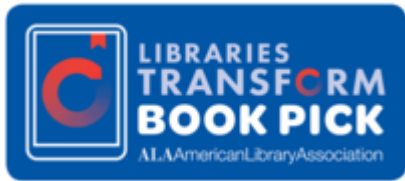
- Prepping for accreditation
- Prepping to submit the Annual Survey
- Planning county meetings, staff development days, board development days, etc
- Time management tips, taming paperwork
- Organizing logins, passwords, documents for staff access

- Planning book discussions
- Planning programming for all ages

Project management will be the theme that guides our continuing education programs throughout 2020; the **ILOC Conference** will be the kick-off event for the new year ahead, NOTE: This is not yet in the c.e. catalog, so for now save the date on your calendars--**January 16, 2020**--to enjoy this educational day, all from the comfort of home!

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## New Book Club From Libraries Transform



### Selects First Title: [After the Flood](#)

There's a new online book club on the scene. Thanks to a collaboration between ALA and OverDrive, this new national book club is called *Libraries Transform Book Pick*. The program

connects readers nationwide by offering simultaneous access to the same book at the same time through their public libraries. The first book chosen in this inaugural year is [After the Flood](#) by Kassandra Montag; it will be available for simultaneous download October 7-21, 2019.

From the I Love Libraries website, here's more about [After the Flood](#): "...An inventive and riveting epic saga, *After the Flood* signals the arrival of an extraordinary new talent... A little more than a century from now, our world has been utterly transformed. After years of slowly overtaking the continent, rising floodwaters have obliterated America's great coastal cities and then its heartland, leaving nothing but an archipelago of mountaintop colonies surrounded by a deep expanse of open water.

*Stubbornly independent Myra and her precocious seven-year-old daughter, Pearl, fish from their small boat, visiting dry land only to trade for supplies and information in the few remaining outposts of civilization. For seven years, Myra has grieved the loss of her oldest daughter Row, who was stolen by her father after a monstrous deluge overtook their home in Nebraska. Then in a violent confrontation with a stranger, Myra suddenly discovers that Row was last seen in a far-off encampment near the Arctic Circle. Throwing aside her usual caution, Myra and Pearl embark on a perilous voyage into the icy northern seas, hoping against hope that Row will still be there..."*

To help libraries promote the program and encourage local book groups to use this title, OverDrive has produced free marketing materials including customizable flyers and digital graphics. Tap into the toolkit below. Great opportunity to join hundreds of libraries across the country by participating in the first ever ***Libraries Transform Book Pick***.

[Libraries Transform Book Pick Toolkit](#)

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# Emerging Technologies Conference

**Online October 30th**

San Jose State University will hold its third annual mini-conference “**Emerging Technology**” – online and free—scheduled for **Wednesday October 30** (2:00-5:00PM central time)



This description from the conference website: *“Tomorrow’s technologies are shaping our world today, revolutionizing the way we live and learn. Technologies such as virtual reality, artificial intelligence, machine learning, drones, and more...are leading libraries to explore and promote these emerging tech tools... Learn what libraries are doing right now with these cutting-edge technologies, what they’re planning next, and how you can implement these ideas in your own organization.*

Pre-registration is required, either to attend live or to receive the recordings afterwards. Here are some of the breakout sessions planned:

- Library Chatbots 101
- Creating a Virtual Reality Library Tour
- Robotics in Libraries
- Crystal Balls = Forecasting Future Trends in Libraries

**Online and free !!**

[Register for Emerging Technology Conference](#)

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## This Week ...



It’s the **Iowa Library Association Conference** this week and this year ILA is joining forces with the Nebraska Library Association. This joint conference takes place in La Vista, Nebraska. Several State Library staff will be attending the conference; just leave phone or email messages for us and we’ll be back in touch when we’re back in the office. Here’s to a productive conference!

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Reminder: The **FY19 Public Library Annual Survey** is open for filing. All public library directors should have received a notice with your library's user name, password, and instructions. While there is a paper copy of the survey available to use as a worksheet, the actual survey must be filed online. **Deadline is October 31...**let us know if questions.

FY19 Public Library Annual Survey

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