



December 2019



Farewell to Lacey Partlow

Lacey Partlow, Library Resources Technician for the Continuing Education program, will be departing for an exciting opportunity as the Assistant Director of the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion, Nebraska at the start of the new year.

We are sad to see her go and greatly appreciate all of her hard work over the past year and a half, especially the extra responsibilities she took on during the interim before Samantha Bowers, our new Continuing Education Consultant, started in November.

Lacey's last day is this Friday, Dec. 20. You can drop her a note at Lacey.Partlow@iowa.gov until then.

Samantha Bowers will be monitoring the Continuing Education email account at libconted@iowa.gov. We appreciate your patience in the next few months as we transition and process more than 300 applications for recertification from Iowa librarians.

Thanks for everything, Lacey!

Announcing the ILOC 2020 Schedule!

Free Day of Online Learning

The [schedule](#) and [presenter](#) bios for the upcoming Innovative Libraries Online Conference are now available!

The conference will take place on **Thursday, Jan. 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Offering keynote speakers, sessions on a variety of topics, an evening session designed for trustees--all online in a Zoom meeting room--you can attend from your library or from home! Come and go throughout the day, attending the sessions you're most interested in. A main goal of ILOC is to replicate the "in-person" conference experience but a free option with no travel component.



Getting Ahead of the Game: Winning with Project Management

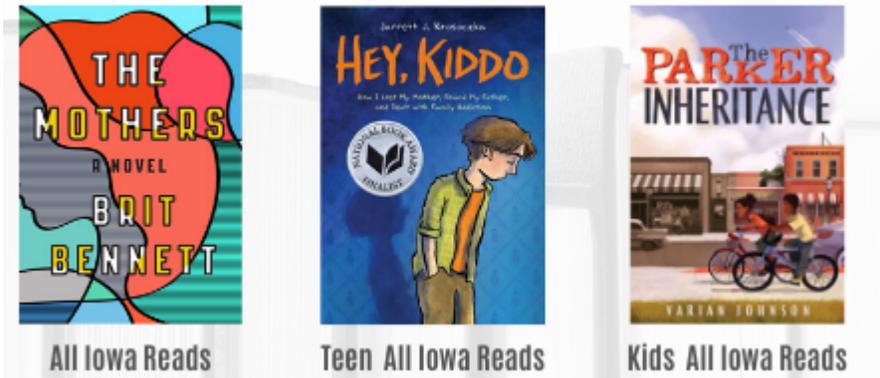
Want to learn about innovative approaches to project management, but you think it is just about overseeing big projects like an author event or a new building? We encourage you to think past that and learn about managing those mundane tasks, staying organized and prioritizing your growing to-do list.

View the full schedule or register at the links below!

[View the ILOC 2020 Schedule](#)

[Register for ILOC 2020 on Jan. 16](#)

Join us for 2020 All Iowa Reads Webinars



All Three Authors Appearing in One Webinar on Jan. 30

Thursday, Jan. 30 from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Join us for an extra-special webinar with all three authors of the 2020 All Iowa Reads selections. Each author will discuss their work and answer questions. You'll also learn about the history of the All Iowa Reads program and get an overview of the resources available from the State Library to support 2020 All Iowa Reads events at your library.

- **2020 Adult All Iowa Reads:** *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett
- **2020 Teen All Iowa Reads:** *Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- **2020 Kids All Iowa Reads:** *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Webinar Jan. 30](#)

New for 2020: BONUS Explore the All Iowa Reads Shortlists Webinar Feb. 6

Thursday, Feb. 6 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

This webinar will introduce you to the 2020 All Iowa Reads shortlists. You'll hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the books on the adult, teen, and kids shortlists and get ideas for ways you can spotlight them in your library and your community. Attendees will also hear about the selection process for titles for All Iowa Reads and get tips on how to run book discussion groups at their libraries. Bring your stories of book club successes to share with the group in chat!

[Register for Exploring the Shortlists Feb. 6](#)

CE Opportunities from Other Organizations

Did you know that each month we publish a list of FREE continuing education opportunities from organizations nationwide?



Receive CE Credit by completing and submitting a Learning Activity Written Summary. Bookmark the link below for the list of webinars updated at the beginning of each month.

[Free Nationwide CE Opportunities](#)

Revamping Certification in 2020

As announced in this week's edition of the Monday Morning Eye-Opener, 2020 will bring changes to the State Library's Certification program. The Public Library Management courses (PLM) along with the Public Library Support Staff course (PLS) will be getting a welcome facelift next year. While the class content has been revised several times over the years to keep current with trends and changes in laws, the actual delivery format has stayed largely the same.

Because of this revamp, the State Library will not schedule PLM or PLS next year in its current form. Library directors who need to complete certification to achieve standards and/or to achieve accreditation will be given an extension; we'll work with all individuals affected by this change.

Librarians Must Still Recertify in 2019

But please remember that the coming certification reboot will **not** impact anyone up for recertification in 2019.

Librarians and staff up for recertification must earn the enough credit hours for renewal by December 31 (45 hours for directors, 30 for staff), then complete the application for recertification by January 31, 2020.

[More Information on Certification](#)

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