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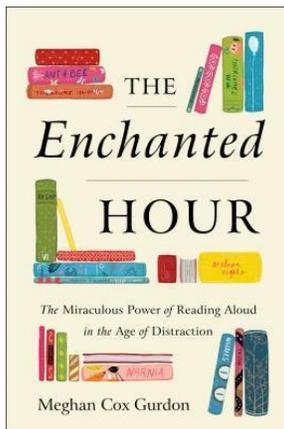


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Next Big Ideas Book Discussion

[The Enchanted Hour](#)



It's a new year for **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, with four selections coming up. The first title in the 2020 series is scheduled for **February 20**: [The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction](#) by Meghan Cox Gurdon. A writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, Gurdon looks at how “reading aloud makes adults and children smarter, happier, healthier, more successful, and more closely attached, even as technology pulls in the other direction.”

From Amazon “...it's not just about bedtime stories for little kids: reading aloud consoles, uplifts, and invigorates at every age, deepening the intellectual lives and emotional well-being of teenagers and adults, too... Gurdon argues that this ancient practice is a fast-working antidote to the fractured attention spans, atomized families, and unfulfilling ephemera of the tech era, helping to replenish what our devices are leaching away. For everyone, reading aloud engages the mind in complex narratives; for children, it's an irreplaceable gift that builds vocabulary, fosters imagination, and kindles a lifelong appreciation of language, stories and pictures...”

In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on civic engagement, social media, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service.

Big Ideas provides an assortment of titles for nonfiction readers, aiding in collection development and leading to good choices for local book discussion groups. We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for local library collections. Join us for the next good read: [The Enchanted Hour](#).

Register Today!

ILOC Conference This Week

Getting Ahead of the Game: Winning with Project Management

Make plans to attend the State Library's 2020 **ILOC Conference** happening this **Thursday January 16th**. The acronym stands for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**; the 2020 theme is "**Getting Ahead of the Game: Winning With Project Management.**"

Offering keynote speakers, a variety of topics, and an evening program for trustees—all online in a **Zoom Room**—you

can attend from the comfort of your library or your home.



Getting Ahead of the Game: Winning at Project Management

Project management is not just about overseeing big projects like a new building or extensive remodeling. This year's **ILOC Conference** provides plenty of ideas for getting on top of smaller tasks, tips for staying organized, and prioritizing those seemingly endless to-do lists. Presentations throughout the day will showcase the ways Iowa librarians stay on top of projects, using a variety of tools, technology and tracking tips.

Evening Keynote for Trustees: What's Your Role in Project Management?

The evening keynote session for trustees will be presented by Gail Santy, director of the Central Kansas Library System and the Great Bend Public Library. Trustees have the unique position of walking a fine line between governance and micromanagement. Find out effective ways to communicate expectations, offer care and feeding of the library director, and keep regular library business operating efficiently during a project. We hope you'll join us all day or in the evening for this informational and inspiring learning opportunity. On behalf of State Librarian Michael Scott and all Iowa libraries, thank you for the work you do as a public library trustee!

Conference Schedule and Registration

A main goal of **ILOC** is to replicate the in-person conference experience, but with a bonus: it's a free event without traveling! Come and go throughout the day, attending the sessions you're most interested in. **No need to preregister; bookmark the**

ILOC Conference webpage below for the full schedule and link to the virtual conference room. Plan on logging in about 10 minutes before each session begins. And note: **Zoom**, the web conferencing software being used, may require you to download a small software client after clicking the link to access the conference.

[Full Schedule & Registration Here](#)



All Iowa Reads Webinars: January & February

The Iowa Center for the Book / All Iowa Reads Committee has an exciting webinar line-up this month and next. For the first time, one All Iowa Reads webinar (AIR) on January 30th (10:00AM—12:00PM) will feature all three authors of the three All Iowa Reads selections for 2020. Each author will discuss their book and answer audience questions. In addition, learn the history of the All Iowa Reads program and see an overview of the many resources available from the State Library supporting AIR at your library. Here's a recap of the 2020 AIR titles:

- Adult All Iowa Reads: [The Mothers](#) by Brit Bennett
- Teen All Iowa Reads: [Hey, Kiddo](#) by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Kids All Iowa Reads: [The Parker Inheritance](#) by Varian Johnson

Then on February 6th (1:00-2:00PM) join the second webinar as committee members share the runners-up for the AIR 2020 program. From the C.E. Catalog *"...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 community. Learn about the selection process for the AIR titles and get tips on how to run book discussion groups @ your library. Bring your stories of book club successes to share with the group in chat..."*

Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog!

[Register Today!](#)

This Week:

Prepping For Accreditation Session And ILOC Online Conference



Tomorrow January 14, catch another session in the **“Prepping For Accreditation”** series. Intended for libraries needing to apply for re-accreditation in February (for FY21) this series has also proven helpful for directors and boards looking to increase the library’s Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2. Choose from a morning or afternoon time slot—**either 10:30AM or 2:00PM**. **Tomorrow’s session centers on the four required policies needed for accreditation.**

Because these are really consulting sessions, not intended as workshops, c.e. credit is not awarded. These programs are not found in the C.E. catalog, no advance registration is necessary. Use this link to join the conversation

<https://zoom.us/s/450969235>

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C.E. Catalog Registration

Next **Monday January 20th** is **Martin Luther King Day**, which is a state holiday.

All State Library offices will be closed, look for the next **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** on January 27.



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