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The Boardroom 2020

Online Series Begins July 23

After a one-year hiatus, the State Library is pleased to announce that we are reprising the **Boardroom** series. Starting July 23, **Boardroom 2020** will be comprised of five webinars running July through November.

Each episode in **Boardroom 2020** will be 90-minutes from **6:00-7:30PM**; each session will be awarded 1.2 c.e. credits. And in a new twist, this year the programs will be based on books! In most cases, the books come from our **Big Ideas** discussion series, with the material adjusted to include board-related issues.

There is no requirement that registrants read any of the books prior to the webinars.

All five webinars are open for registration in the CE Catalog, where you can read the full description for each session. For now, here's a look at dates and topics:

Schedule and Topics

July 23: Problem Solving the Upstream Way (based on Upstream by Dan Heath)

August 13: The Art of the Board Meeting (based on The Art of Gathering by Priya Parker)

September 10: The Board's Role in Storytelling (based on Stories That Stick by Kindra Hall)

October 8: Iowa Library Trustees Handbook (new edition forthcoming, State Library publication)

Register For The Boardroom Series

Importance & Rationale

- Since the Coronavirus crisis began, our agency has provided ample classes, discussions, and roundtables for library staff to assist them in meeting their continuing education requirements. Now **Boardroom 2020** sets up Iowa library trustees to fulfill their own education standard—**Standard #8: “all members of the library board participate in a variety of board development training each year...”**
- For library boards, their normal practices—including special presentations at meetings--were upended this spring as well. With approximately 4,000 trustees statewide, with turnover in membership, and with trustee education as a Tier 1 standard, providing board education continues to be an important niche to fill in our training efforts.
- In previous years, many library directors logged into their account in the C.E. Catalog and once registered, they shared the ZOOM Room link with their board members via email. And in previous years, many boards opted to hold “viewing parties” in the library meeting room, while other trustees opted to login individually from home. This year, at any given library, a blend of those two approaches is probably in order!
- Either way, there is no expectation that attendees read any of the books prior to the webinars. Although we do hope that directors will acquire the books for local library collections in hopes of furthering discussions at future board meetings.

**The Boardroom Gets Underway On Thursday July 23 With
“Problem Solving the Upstream Way”
Join Us!**



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