

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener November 2, 2020

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

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### Edge Classes In December



#### "Edge Insights Into Action" December 3rd and 10th

The State Library is sponsoring two classes intended to help public library staff examine the results of their Edge Assessment and make the best use of those results. There are two online sessions in this series titled "***Edge Insights Into Action***" and attendance at both sessions is required of staff who choose to participate.

Note: in a departure from most State Library webinars, this two-part course will not be recorded for later viewing. **Registration is limited and please note this: you must first complete the Edge 2.0 Assessment for your library before your registration will be approved.** That's a needed first step, as class instruction depends on participants having the results of their Edge Assessment at hand.

#### Schedule

**December 3, 2020 == 1:00-2:00PM**

**AND December 10, 2020 == 1:00-2:00PM**

[Register In IALearn](#)

#### Class Description

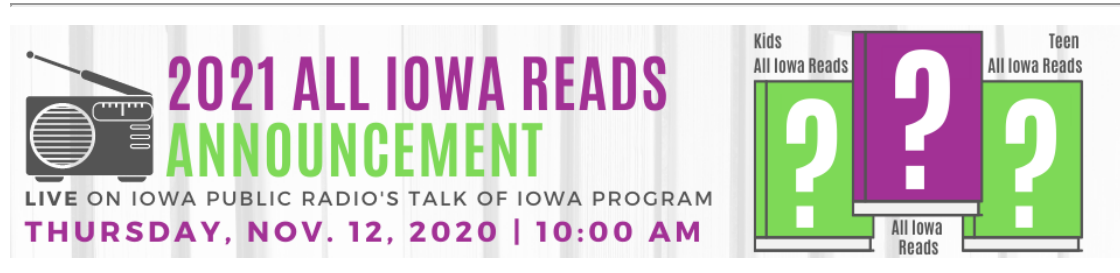
The ***Edge Insights to Action*** online workshop will help your library leverage its Edge data and resources to advance your digital inclusion leadership. Given the pandemic, digital access and the digital resources your library offers have never been more important to keep your community connected and healthy. Developing actionable, data-informed plans is key to making change.

This new interactive workshop format spans two weeks, including two hour-long live discussions via Zoom, open office hours, and resources and exercises before and after each live discussion. Topics covered each week will be:

- Data Collection and Analysis
- Developing Digital Inclusion Goals

Again, this two-part instructional class depends on your having completed the Edge 2.0 Assessment for your library. That's an important first step, the button below takes to the Edge 2.0 website to get started.

[EDGE 2.0 Account Set-Up and Login](#)



## Tune Into Iowa Public Radio November 12th

Iowa Public Radio is set to announce all three **2021 All Iowa Reads titles**—the adult book, the teen choice, and the children's book. The announcement will be made **LIVE on Thursday November 12th** (10:00AM) on **Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa** program.

State Library Communication Specialist Emily Bainter writes: *"We would LOVE to have libraries host informal listening parties . I've included a poster linked below with the announcement information. Just print it and display it in your library. We'll also have more information on the AIR kick-off webinar in late January (date to be determined) We are excited to again partner with Iowa Public Radio to announce the All Iowa Reads titles and create a buzz for the 2021 program! "*

IPR Host Charity Nebbe will be joined by Jillian Rutledge, Public Services Manager at Waterloo Public Library and by Angie Manfredi, Youth Services Consultant at the State Library. They will be on hand to reveal the **All Iowa Reads** titles and authors for 2021. This will be the second year that the new **AIR** titles have been announced on the Talk of Iowa program. Listeners can stream the program live at the link below or tune to your local IPR station on the radio: [find an IPR station. 1](#)

### Resources

- [2021 All Iowa Reads Announcement Poster.pdf](#) (2.4 MB)
- Share the [Listening Party Facebook Event 4](#) on your library's Facebook page

### About All Iowa Reads

**All Iowa Reads** has fostered a sense of unity through reading since 2003. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book in the same year. In 2017, **All Iowa Reads Teens** and **All Iowa Reads Kids** programs were launched to include younger Iowans in the program.

## About Talk of Iowa

**Talk of Iowa** runs weekdays at 10:00AM on Iowa Public Radio (IPR) Hosted by Charity Nebbe, **Talk of Iowa** brings a mix of guests and a range of experts to the microphone to discuss what's happening in Iowa and what makes this a special place to live.

Talk of Iowa on Iowa Public Radio



The graphic is a rectangular banner with a white background on the left and a dark blue background on the right. On the left side, there is a logo for 'LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES' featuring a stylized flower-like icon with green, blue, and red petals. Below the logo, it says 'FOCUS ON SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES' and 'ALA American Library Association'. On the right side, the text reads 'A SPECIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES' in large white letters, followed by 'APPLY SEPT. 21 - DEC. 2, 2020' in smaller white letters.

## ALA Grants Lead to Community Conversations

The American Library Association (ALA) invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to assist in addressing issues of local concern through community conversations. This grant project is titled “**Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small, Rural Libraries.**”.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. The deadline to apply is December 2, 2020; grants will be awarded in 2021.

**Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries** is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for an expanding service role. This grant initiative is offered in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) and is supported by a private donor along with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Many Iowa library directors heard about this at District Office Hours recently. Merservey Public Library Director Chelsea Price

( [chelseaprice@mesurvey.lib.ia.us](mailto:chelseaprice@mesurvey.lib.ia.us) ) and Southwest District Consultant Becky Heil ( [becky.heil@iowa.gov](mailto:becky.heil@iowa.gov) ) are on a national committee to help spread the word about this grant program. You're welcome to contact either of them with questions. And visit ALA's website for much more information at the button below, including

- **Project Guidelines**
- **Library Eligibility**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **A "Before You Apply" Video**
- **Online Application**

[Libraries Transforming Communities Grants](#)

## This Week ...



### Concrete5 Websites: Instruction & Demos

This **Wednesday November 4**, Marie Harms continues with instructional sessions on using the new **Concrete5 PLOW websites** (2:00-3:00PM) Scheduled until the end of the year, each week on Wednesday Marie will demonstrate different website content from headers and footers, to adding images, updating calendars, using forms, and more.

[Register Here For Concrete5 Wednesdays](#)

### Big Ideas Book Discussion

The fourth and final **Big Ideas Book Discussion** for this year happens this Friday November 6th (9:30-11:00AM) when we take up the title [The Ones We've Been Waiting For: How a New Generation of Leaders Will Transform America \(c2020\)](#) by Charlotte Alter. This book is an inspiring look at the millennial generation, showing how young people are stepping into public service, challenging and changing the status quo. 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 leadership, civic engagement, problem solving, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service.

### Quick Survey

The State Library is asking all public librarians to complete a quick three-question survey. We want to hear what online tools or products help you assist patrons and / or help you and your staff better perform your jobs. Your responses will be kept anonymous, your input will help determine any new online resources offered to Iowa libraries from the State Library. Please complete by November 5--thanks to everyone who already has!

**Library Service Tools & Products Survey**



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