November 2020

General CE Team Updates

A potpourri of random, but important information!

IA Learns:

Thanks to all Iowa librarians as we've gotten IA Learns up and running. We've heard positive feedback from many of you, but also some frustrations in these early days that we are working on straightening out. Here are a couple tips:

- Folks with a middle initial stored in their name ended up with some pretty funky system-generated usernames (e.g: Samantha J..Bouwers). If & when you want it updated to something that makes sense and is easier for you to remember, please send an email to LibContEd@Iowa.Gov and we'll make the change for you.

- When completing an evaluation, you **must type something in EVERY field**. We're hoping to get this changed with the technical team, but for now, feel free to enter N/A if you don't have any feedback for the last 2 questions. Click "SAVE" in the top-right when you're ready to submit an evaluation.

Updated forms:

- **Requesting External CE Credit:** Many of you are used to using the Learning Summary Written Activity Form to request hours for training sponsored by organizations other than the State Library. We've freshened that form up a bit & added an option to upload a certificate if your training provider gives you a certificate. We'll review the information & add the hours to your IA Learns transcript.

- **Sponsor Request for CE Credit:** If your library is hosting a staff in-service, or your county library association wants to request CE for a training event, you can complete this form. We'll review, and once you provide a list of participants, we'll add hours to folks' IA Learns Transcripts.

- **Importing Hours into IA Learns:** We've been talking about this one for awhile, but if you're itching to get those paper certificates out of your life and haven't yet, submit them via this form & you'll see a record on your transcript called "Imported Course Hours"

- Find all these forms & more on the "Continuing Education Forms" page of the State Library Website

2020 Recertifications:

While our time has been a bit devoted to getting IA Learns out of the barn, we're now turning our attention to 2020 renewals.

- If you've already submitted your materials, great! Watch for an email from the CE Team and for your certification end date to get updated in IA Learns

- Still need to apply for renewal? No problem. Complete the appropriate form on the State Library website. You'll be asked to submit documentation of your hours. This can be a copy of your IA Learns Transcript OR copies of your paper certificates.

Questions about any of this? Or anything else CE-Related? Reach out to Sam!

> **Contact Sam Bouwers, CE Consultant**

Summer 2021 CE Programs Coming!

Envisioning Summary 2021: New Librarians

Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Are you newer to the world of summer library programming? This session is for anyone who has planned and run a summer library program for 4 years or less. During this one-hour webinar Angie will go over the basics of why we have summer programming and what you can do to make sure your program fits the needs of your community, regardless of what situations we might find ourselves in. (Like a global pandemic. Or employees quitting at the last minute. Or reduced funding.) You will also have a chance to meet up in chat with other "new to summer" librarians so you can network.

> **Register for the New Librarians' Summer Session**

Envisioning Summary 2021: Seasoned Pros

Thursday, December 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Feel like you've been doing summer programming forever? This session is for everyone who has planned and run a summer library program for 5 years or more. During this one-hour webinar Angie will look at some techniques to refresh and revitalize your summer programming to make sure your program fits the needs of your community, regardless of what situations we might find ourselves in. (Like a global pandemic. Or employees quitting at the last minute. Or reduced funding.)

> **Register for the Seasoned Pros' Summer Session**

These sessions are NOT an intended to be an in-depth overview of the 2021 Resource Guide and Material -- we'll offer additional CE on those topics in January. These sessions aim inspire or revive your Summer programming generally!

More Opportunities

Pop YS Live (Tomorrow!)

Thursday, November 19 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Do you know where your library's comics are? This webinar will equip attendees with guidelines for collecting and promoting graphic novels in libraries, including recommendations for various genres and ages and opportunities for programming. Whether you're looking for another dozen Raina Telgemeier readalikes or you quit reading the funny papers once Garfield stood upright, there will be useful tools and practices for you

Register for Pop YS LIve

PLOW Website Worktimes

Wednesdays through Dec. 30 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

This one-hour website work time will feature different elements of the new PLOW website CMS, Concrete 5. Instruction and advice will be offered on how to improve the library website. Participants can watch and learn or logon to their own website to follow along. These sessions will be recorded for future play-back. Participants can bring questions or problems to the class which will be addressed during the allotted time.

Register for a worktime (Search PLOW in IA Learns)

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