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# Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 7, 2020

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## Registration Open For ILOC 2021



**January 21, 2021**

Registration is now open for the State Library's annual **ILOC conference**, scheduled for **January 21, 2021**. ILOC stands for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**, an annual day of online

learning. 2021 marks our 14th such event—proving that we were doing virtual conferences before they were cool 😊

The **2021 theme** is ***"Libraries are for Everyone! Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Action in Iowa's Libraries."*** As the United States continues to reconcile racial injustice and other types of inequality, libraries also work to ensure that their spaces, programs, and services are inclusive for all patrons and staff. This year, **ILOC** will give librarians will give librarians practical ideas and examples of how they can bring diverse voices to the table and become a place that is welcoming to all. From building balanced collections on opposing viewpoints to planning more diverse programming, we're planning sessions that will speak to a theme of equity and inclusion.

It's a full day, with keynote speakers in the morning, over the noon hour, and again in the evening with a program for library boards. Plenty of breakout sessions throughout the day, with proposed topics like community betterment book discussions, bilingual story times, serving youth in foster care, and much more.

Join us for as many sessions as you can throughout the day to learn how you can make your library an inclusive and innovative place for all. Watch the [ILOC webpage](#) and the **Eye-Opener** in the coming weeks for more announcements and for the full day's finalized schedule. In the meantime ...

**Register for ILOC 1-21-21 Today !**

# Opportunity: Online Resources Task Force

The State Library is now accepting applications from public librarians to participate in an **Online Resources Task Force**. This group will advise and help recommend potential online resources for a new statewide contract beginning next fiscal year, July 2021. Our call for participants went out last week, but this opportunity bears repeating. State Library Communication Specialist Emily Bainter provides more details.



## Goal and Scope of the Task Force

The goal of the task force is to represent public libraries from across the state, evaluate data from surveys and feedback from focus groups to find themes, and then translate those themes into requirements for products, services, or tools.

The requirements will be prioritized and final recommendations delivered to the State Library so that our agency, in turn, can begin an RFP process and determine a pricing model. Some members of the task force will also be asked to serve on the committee to review, evaluate, and select the product proposals received from vendors.

## Membership Expectations

Librarians who are interested in servicing on this task force should expect a time commitment of at least two, 2-hour online meetings early in calendar year 2021. Task force members should fully participate in all meetings and must come to a consensus with other members. Members who are selected for the RFP evaluation committee should also commit the time to reading all of the proposals and attend an online meeting to reach an agreement on which proposal(s) to award.

**The Online Resources Task Force application period is open through this Friday December 11, 2020.** Questions about the task force can be directed to Michael Scott at [michael.scott@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.scott@iowa.gov) or Marie Harms at [marie.harms@iowa.gov](mailto:marie.harms@iowa.gov).

Application to Join: Online Resources Task Force

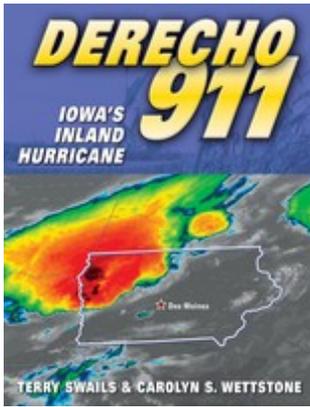
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## Book About This Summer's Derecho

### For Your Library's Iowa History Collection

This news is thanks to Nancy Medema, Program Director with the State Library. Iowa libraries will surely want to purchase a new book about this summer's derecho; it's especially significant for those cities and towns that were in the path of this unusual storm. The title is Derecho 911: Iowa's Inland Hurricane written by Terry Swails and Carolyn Wettstone.

Terry Swails is a meteorologist in Cedar Rapids, his wife and co-author Carolyn Wettstone is a journalist. Publication is expected in mid-December. The book documents the



damage and the stories, explains the climatology behind derechos and why these are the most difficult storms to predict.

Nancy writes: *“This book includes more than 150 images, graphics, and diagrams that help illustrate the storm that affected much of Iowa in the summer of 2020. If your library has an Iowa history collection, this will be a good addition, especially if your city or library was impacted by the storm.”*

More information about this book is available at the button below. And one more note: the authors will be happy to send an invoice to libraries in case the credit card option on the website is difficult to use. Just email [carolynswettstone@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynswettstone@yahoo.com) to request an invoice.

[Derecho 911: Iowa's Inland Hurricane](#)

## This Week's Reminders ...



On **Wednesday December 9**, Marie Harms continues instructional sessions on using the new Concrete5 PLOW websites. 2:00-3:00PM every Wednesday now through the end of the year. Register for one or more inside **IAlearns**

[IAlearns Catalog](#)

Our **“Prepping for Accreditation”** series continues this **Thursday December 10th** (10:00-11:00AM) when the topic turns to personnel standards. These are consulting sessions, intended for all public libraries in the next accreditation cycle ( applications due February 2021) These conversations are also helpful for libraries meeting standards at a Tier 1 or Tier 2 level and needing to report in February '21. Because these are intended as consulting sessions, c.e. credit is not awarded. No advance registration is necessary, here's the ZOOM Room link <https://zoom.us/j/450969235>



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