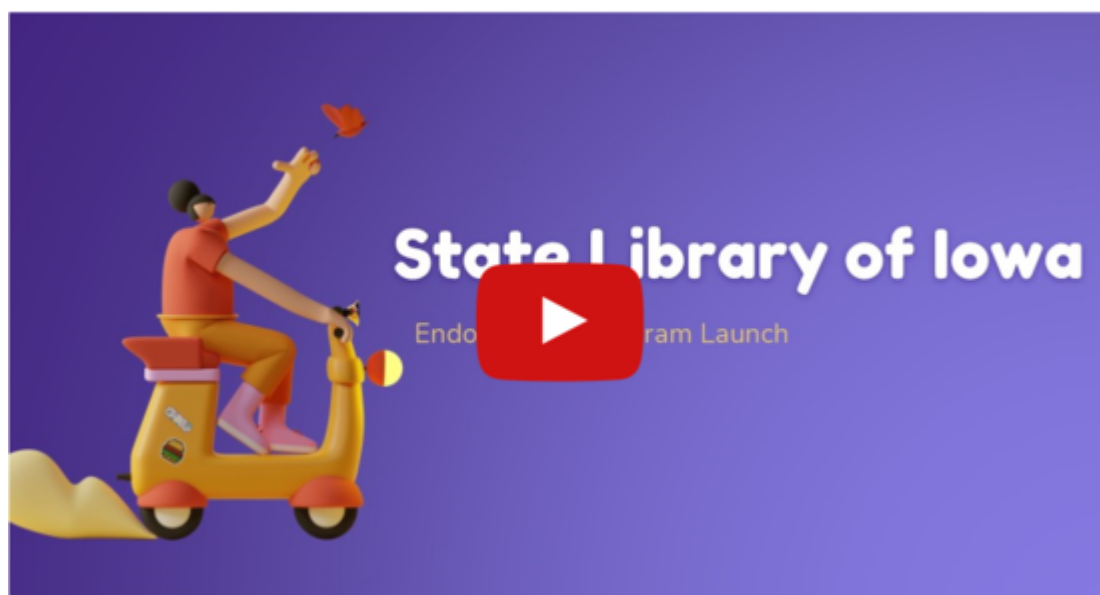




March 2021

We realized the dates in the Summer Roundtable section were incorrect and have updated them (the correct date is APRIL 13). Sorry for the inconvenience!

New Endorsement Coursework is Now Available



Click the image above for a brief intro video to the new Endorsement program!

Updating and Refreshing Public Library Management (PLM) & Public Library Support

(PLS) Courses

The Continuing Education Team is excited to announce a major review and refresh of our Certification courses: PLM and PLS. Weekly, three-hour classes are a thing of the past! With this revamp, students will move through classes at their own pace, watching videos and taking quizzes. We'll incorporate some live Zoom discussions, too.

Additional Details:

First, be sure to check out the Endorsement Program webpages at the link below or our [welcome video](#) for the scoop. Or, send us an email we're always here to answer your questions!

For now, here are some things to be aware of:

- The first step in the process is to complete an [application form](#). We'll review your application and enroll you in the correct classes.
- You will complete all coursework and quizzes in IA Learns.

- All Endorsements start with an Overview prerequisite that includes a Technology Skills self-assessment.
- Each Core Course is accompanied by a Zoom discussion with other students and with State Library instructors. We'll have more info on how to sign up for those discussions as you move through the coursework.

Sam Bouwers emailed all those who completed PLM 1 but not PLM2 with information on how to proceed in the new coursework. Email LibContEd@Iowa.gov if you're in that boat but you didn't receive an email.

This transition from the decades-old Public Library Management format to the new Endorsement Academy has been a huge undertaking. On behalf of the State Library Continuing Education Team, I appreciate your patience as we've worked this past year to rebuild and modernize this foundational training for Iowa library personnel.

[More info about the new Endorsement Program](#)



Bibliodiversity at Storm Lake Public Library

Wednesday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

At Storm Lake Public Library, the staff and trustees have made an intentional practice of bibliodiversity, including: international library sistership, hosting diverse community programs, purchasing materials in multiple languages, supporting the public school bilingual curriculum, and building state and federal partnerships. All of this has been done with generous support from the mayor & city administration. Learn how this program has developed over many years and what aspects are particularly successful at Storm Lake Public Library.

[Register for Bibliodiversity](#)

More Upcoming Opportunities



Summer Library Programming Roundtables

ABC-size libraries: April 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

D+-size libraries: April 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ready to chat with other librarians about all the ideas you have for summer 2020? Want to brainstorm new ideas for a colorful, fun summer outside? Come to this program idea swap where you will have a chance to share with other librarians from across the state. After a brief overview of programming and a handful of ideas, you'll spend the majority of the session in breakout rooms leading the discussion on your own, so bring plenty of ideas and questions! The discussion portions will not be recorded, so if you want in on the conversation, make sure you join us live. You'll need a working mic to attend this session and it's recommended you take some time to review the iREAD Resource Guide ahead of time.

[Register for a Summer Library Programming Roundtable](#)



Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled Webinar Series

Fourth Wednesdays, Monthly, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join us for one or more of our 2021 Monthly collaborative series with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. Upcoming topics include "That all May Read," "Screen Readers in your Library," and "Etiquette". Past sessions have been recorded and will be posted to the Webinar Archive soon.

[Register for a webinar in this series today](#)

Self-Paced Learning

Additional Content Coming Soon!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel to stay up-to-date

With the focus on getting the new Endorsement courses out the door, I've been behind in processing recorded webinars for the Webinar Archive, but I'll be picking that up soon! Subscribe to our YouTube channel to see when new videos are added. The description will usually include a link to view the course in IA Learns if you want to watch for CE Credit.

[Subscribe to the State Library CE YouTube channel](#)

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