

Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 6, 2021

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



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READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH



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Summer Library Program Workshops Coming in the New Year

The State Library has scheduled a number of workshops—both in-person and online options—to assist library staff in planning the Summer Library Program in 2022. Beginning in January, physical locations are planned for Avoca, Knoxville, Storm Lake, and Waterloo, running 12:30-4:30PM each time. Online sessions will run for two hours...

From Samantha Bouwers, here's a description of the SLP workshops scheduled early in the new year: *"Are you ready to make Summer 2022 programming at your library the absolute best it can be? Are you ready to venture "Beyond the Beaten Path" and incorporate some new ideas to keep summer fresh and fun? Are you ready to connect with other youth services librarians? Then join us at a Summer Library Program workshop in person or virtually!*

State Library Youth Services Consultant Tegan Beese will take participants through the iREAD theme and share resources, ideas, and best practices when programming for ages 0-18. You'll have time during this session to network with other youth services librarians from your area and chat about programming, collection development, outreach, and more. Newbies and seasoned pros alike will leave with lots of ideas to take summer library programming "Beyond the Beaten Path" in 2022.

The link below takes you to our C.E. Calendar Preview, showing dates and locations of the in-person workshops, as well as dates and times for the virtual options. Look to the calendar display for choices, choose the date that works best, then register inside IALearns.

[Calendar Preview of SLP Workshops](#)

From Future Ready Librarians ...



Digital Tools & Ideas Calendar

This discovery comes from our friends at Northwest AEA. Future Ready Librarians have developed an interactive calendar featuring 25 Digital Tools and Ideas for the month of December.

Each day until Christmas, you can click on a December date to reveal digital tools and resources, along with explanatory video clips showing how to apply the various apps in your library programming. It's kind of like an advent calendar! Here are just a few examples:

- Stick Together Mosaic Puzzle Kits (click on December 2)
- Hour of Code (click on December 5)
- Online Bookwork Reading (click on December 12)
- G-Suite for Escape Rooms (click on December 16)
- Scratch Pals (click on December 20)

Once the interactive calendar opens, simply click on any card for those dates in December to reveal a digital resource and ideas for how to use it. In the upper right-hand corner of each slide, listen to a short 2-3 minute video produced by the teachers speaking about their favorite apps. Double-click on the video clip to open it full-screen. To advance through the calendar, click the arrows on the bottom left corner of the screen. Note some of the videos require "request permission to view" before you can advance to the next date

Give it whirl at the button below ...

About Future Ready Librarians

Future Ready Librarians® (FRL) was created in 2016. Over the past five years, FRL has helped change the conversation about school libraries and the role of librarians in leading, teaching, and supporting innovation in their institutions. Whether you are new to the network or just want a quick review, this resource is designed to help you understand FRL and how to transform your library practice, program, and profession.

[Digi December Calendar from Future Ready Librarians](#)



Endorsement Renewal

In closing out the calendar year, this is a good time log into your IALearns account and check the end date of your endorsement. Once logged in, click on your **PROFILE**, then click on **CERTIFICATIONS**. Continuing Education Consultant Samantha Bouwers writes: *"while we are working away from the everyone-renewing-on-New Years Eve scheme, most people currently endorsed will still have that 12/31/20XX end date on their profile.*

*So If you're looking at a December 2021 renewal deadline, it's time to get those last few hours earned and then submit your renewal. Because IALearns is a learning management system, this process is now MUCH easier for all involved. All we need now (assuming you've imported your previous credit hours) is a copy of your IALearns transcript. Inside your account, look for the big blue **PRINT TRANSCRIPTS REPORT** button on the **OVERVIEW** tab...."*

If you have not requested an import of hours, submit a combination of your paper scans and IALearns transcript. Reach out to the CE Team with any questions

LibContEd@iowa.gov and renew your Endorsement today 😊

[Read More About The Endorsement Program](#)

Noteworthy Webinars This Week



Teen All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visit With Randy Ribay Dec 9, 2021. 6:00-7:00PM.

Join Randy Ribay, author of the 2021 Teen All Iowa Reads title [Patron Saints of Nothing](#), for a one-hour conversation.

Whether you've read the book or if you just want to hear Randy talk about his work, be sure to register inside IALearns. Learn more about the author and his writing process; time for audience Q&A.

[Register in IALearns](#)

PLOW Website Worktime Continues This Week

This series looks at different elements of the new PLOW website software Concrete 5. Learn tips for improving your PLOW websites. This week, instruction covers front page slider, posters in Canva, and uploading photos. Watch the demonstration or log into your own website and follow along. Participants can bring questions or specific website problems to the class which will be addressed during the allotted time. Wednesday and Friday sessions this week lasting one hour, register in IALearns for the time and ZOOM room link.

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