

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER August 10, 2015

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1) **Next Library101 September 8:** **Library101** rolls around again on **September 8 (9:30-11:30AM)** Offered four times each year, **Library101** is an online orientation intended for newly hired directors. New support staff and board members are also welcome to join us. Because Library101 introduces the people and programs at the State Library.

District consultants meet in-person with new directors soon after hiring. **Library101** nicely enhances those in-person meetings with this 2-hour online opportunity. It's a friendly, helpful orientation:

you'll meet the staff at Iowa Library Services—at least virtually ☺ We'll help you match names with faces, discuss public library service standards, and provide explanations of popular statewide programs.

There will be plenty of plenty of time to answer your questions. **Library101** is open for registration in the c.e. catalog—join us! <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>

2) **Performers Showcase in September:** A delightful continuing education program comes back to Northwest Iowa on September 23—the Performers Showcase. Sioux Center Public Library hosts this event 9:30AM-4:00PM. This has moved into early fall to best avoid weather-related problems of previous years, when November snows impacted attendance.

This in-person event is unique opportunity to watch Summer Library Program performers audition really, showcasing their acts in about 15-minute intervals. Car pool with your colleagues from area libraries so you can plan multiple bookings of any performers. The performers will have tables set up in exhibit hall fashion, so you can visit with them, browse their informational materials, and learn more about their costs.



Here's more from Merri Monks at Iowa Library Services, who helps coordinate this annual workshop: "... Our great friend of Iowa's libraries, Rick Brammer, coordinates the performers and lines them up for us. The larger the audiences, the more successful this event will be. In addition, we always encourage the host libraries to invite children to attend. Performers love having kids in the audience for Performers' Showcases, and you'll enjoy seeing how kids respond to this year's lineup of performers. Attendees at the live event will receive six hours of continuing education credit, for what is undoubtedly the liveliest and most enjoyable way we can offer CE credits! For those who can't attend the live event, I'll be video-recording the performers and for those who grant their permission, I'll be posting the videos on YouTube. But please note: in this instance, no credits are awarded for watching these videos..."

Registration for the annual Performers' Showcases is now open in the c.e. catalog <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>. Again, Northwest District's location in Sioux Center. But there are also two other dates/locations—Sept 24 @ Atlantic, Sept 25 @ Iowa City. You're welcome to attend anywhere that's closer or more convenient.



3) Town Meetings Plus Second Day: Next month, we're rolling out our annual workshops around the state, well known as **Town Meetings**. But this year, with a twist—another full day workshop follows each **Town Meeting**, making this a 2-day event at every location. **In Northwest, mark your calendars for September 15-16 in Storm Lake.**

Day 1 begins with **Town Meeting**, but this also marks a departure because this year, Iowa's new State Librarian

Michael Scott will attend each venue to speak about current and future State Library initiatives. We want this to be a true "town meeting" Q&A format, so we encourage you to bring your questions as well as your suggestions for services that you believe would benefit library service in your community.

That same afternoon, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (ICVS) will provide a workshop on how to successfully recruit and manage volunteers in the library. Effectively engaging volunteers opens the opportunity to expand your capacity, offering more plentiful and enhanced services. In this training, ICVS staff will discuss the basics of volunteer management, share real-life examples of the impact that volunteers are making at Iowa libraries, and provide activities and resources to support your volunteer efforts back home.

The 2015 **Town Meeting** fee is \$25.00, which covers the cost of food and the afternoon workshop. Find the full agenda and online registration here <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>

Now on to **Day 2!** In tandem with the **Town Meeting**, enjoy an additional day of face-to-face workshops. **Day 2** features Tom Keyser and Alysia Peich from IaLS Des Moines office with two programs to choose from. Attend one workshop for 2 CE credits or stay for the entire day and earn 4 CE credits.

The **morning workshop**—“**Book Repair**”—is a hands on session with Tom Keyser; he will teach book repair processes and provide fix-it tips for both paperback and hardback books, Moreover, Tom will explain gold standards for book repair practices, along with "DO NOT ATTEMPT" repairs. Feel free to bring some books from your mending pile to discuss or repair as time permits.

The **afternoon workshop**-- "**Career Development in Libraries: Helping Patrons Navigate Employment Options**"—is an interactive session with Alysia Peich; she will provide tools that any librarian can use to help patrons explore career options. From self-assessments to online resources, Alysia will lead you through many ways to guide patrons on their career paths...and learn a little about yourself in the process.

Important notes regarding **Day 2**: if you are only intending to stay for one program, please indicate which one in the COMMENTS section of the c.e. catalog. Also note: because each program is hands-on and interactive, we are limited to 30 participants. Again, find the full agenda and online registration here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>



4) Publishers Weekly Announces Good Reads For Fall: From the pages of *Publishers Weekly*, editors have recently announced their picks for best books for Fall 2015. Two lists—one for adult titles and one for children's titles—include nonfiction and fiction across many genres. Among PW's anticipated **adults books** are

- Purity by Jonathan Franzen
- Avenue of Mysteries by John Irving
- Stars of Fortune by Nora Roberts
- Sinatra the Chairman by James Kaplan

Among PW's anticipated **children's books** are

- The Full Moon at the Napping House by Audrey and Don Wood
- Happy! by Pharrell Williams
- Leo: A Ghost Story by Mac Barnett
- The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt

I can vouch for the Drew Daywalt book, along with his previous ones, featuring Duncan and his box of talking crayons. Funny, sophisticated, tongue-in-cheek humor that make great books to share with older kids as well. If you don't have any of Duncan / crayon books, they'll be great purchases and fun storytime books!

Find the full listing of PW's most anticipated books for Fall 2015 here <http://bitly.com/1P8qAiJ>

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Busy travel week, both job-related and vacation-related ☺ This afternoon, I'll join Storm Lake Library Board with a new trustee orientation. **Wednesday Aug12 is our monthly staff meeting in Des Moines; while District offices will be closed on Wednesday,** you're welcome to call the Des Moines office at 800-248-4483. Then I finish out the week with some vacation days, back on Tuesday Aug18....



A new month brings a new menu of national webinars. Find registration and other details here <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

August 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *Juggling 101: Managing Multiple Priorities* sponsored by InSync <http://www.insynctraining.com/complimentary-programs/>

August 11. 2:00-3:00PM. *Christian Fiction Book Roundup* sponsored by Library Journal <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/category/webcasts/>

August 11. 2:00-3:00PM. *Creating and Operating a Public Library Makerspace - A Conversation with North Richland Hills Public Library Staff* sponsored by Texas State Library and Archives <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>

August 13. 1:00-2:00PM. *Because Advocacy Never Stops: New Tools for Taking Action* sponsored by WebJunction <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

August 13. 1:00-2:00PM. *Lerner Publishing Group's Fall 2015 Librarian Preview* sponsored by Booklist <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

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