

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER August 24, 2015

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1) Scholarships to ILA Conference: The Iowa Library Association Foundation has announced six scholarships available for ILA members to attend this year's **ILA conference**. Four awards come from the Susan Lerdal fund, two awards are from the Biblionix Company. The **2015 ILA conference** happens **October 14-16** at the **Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center, Des Moines**.

Each scholarship is worth \$250.00, a wonderful opportunity for ILA members, especially for staff from small libraries. ILA Foundation member Barb Corson has more: *"...in addition to being ILA members, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:*

- *Not have attended an ILA fall conference previously*
- *Worked at an Iowa library fewer than three years*
- *Be a library science student*

Take advantage of this opportunity to help cover the costs of your conference experience this fall..."

The application process is easy, but the deadline is fast approaching—**September 1!** Find the scholarship application here
www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/Foundation/SusanLerdal_Biblionix_Scholarship.pdf



2) More on 2015 ILA Conference: This year marks the **125 anniversary** of the **Iowa Library Association**. So it's fitting that this year's fall conference celebrates that milestone with the conference theme "**ILA—The Next Chapter.**" Here's a look at just some of the education and recreation on the agenda:

Choose from 4 pre-conferences on Wednesday October 14:

- 1) Seeing Things Differently: Serving Individuals With Vision Loss
- 2) Active Teaching & Learning: Applying the Information Literacy Framework
- 3) Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts? Examining Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- 4) Tour Des Moines Historic Museums

Exhibits open on Wednesday, as does the silent auction fundraiser. The keynote speaker on Thursday morning is nationally known consultant and columnist Jamie LaRue. Friday's keynote speaker is Ben Bizzle, author of Start a Revolution, Stop Acting Like a Library. Instead of the evening banquet, Thursday lightens things up with an informal meal and Trivia Night.

Then consider the dozens of concurrent sessions; here's a quick preview:

- Programming on a Shoestring Budget
- Social Media Tools, Tips, and Tricks
- Sitting All Day Will Kill You
- The Appy Hour: Family Fun @ Your Library
- Zoom Software for Online Meetings
- Icing on the Cake: Adding Summer Meals to Your Reading Program
- City Library, City Service

Find much more about **ILA's 2015 Annual Conference** on the web and make plans to attend this special 125th anniversary celebration of the **Iowa Library Association**
<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conference/conference-info>



3) 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/>

4) 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.statelibraryofiowa.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.

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Wednesday Aug26 I'll join Lake Park Library Board with a look at *Planning For Results*. **Friday Aug28**, Becky Heil and I are offering "**Presentation Pointers**" online. There's still room and time to register, but hurry—deadline is Wednesday <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>



Don't forget the **Interlibrary Loan Roundtables** in August; Northwest's turn is **August 31** at **Storm Lake Public Library**. (10:00AM-12:00PM) Still time to register <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>

With a Cheeseland vacation next week and Labor Day the week after, **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** takes a holiday. Look for the next issue of **MMEO** on **September 14**...have a relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

More national webinars to round out the month, find registration and other details here <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

August 25. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to the American Community Survey* sponsored by U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/>

August 26. 10:00-11:00AM. *Could a Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament Be Your Next Fundraiser?* sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

August 26. 12:00-1:00PM. *Getting All Your Ducks in a Row: How to Plan for Grant Proposal Success* sponsored by 4Good <https://4good.org/explore/latest/webinars>

August 26. 6:00-7:00PM. *AASL Best Websites for Teaching & Learning 2015* sponsored by American Association of School Librarians <http://www.ala.org/aasl/ecollab/upcoming>

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