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Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER May 22, 2017

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1) Library 2.017 Online Mini-Conference: This is a good opportunity to join an online program titled “*Digital Literacy & Fake News*” on **June 1st**. This is the second of three mini-conferences from the San Jose School of Information. In collaboration with ALA, “*Digital Literacy & Fake News*” is presented entirely online and is entirely free, running 2:00-

5:00PM central standard time.

From the event website: “... *What tools and understanding can library professionals bring to a world that seems to be dominated by fake news? In this Library 2.017 we ask some pointed questions. How should library and information professionals address the issues of fake news, propaganda, and biased research? What technical skills are required for critical thinking in the digital age?*”

This webinar will be conducted using the platform **Blackboard Collaborate**, which can be accessed live from any personal computer and most mobile devices. To see if your computer is configured to run **Blackboard Collaborate**, try entering the practice room at <http://www.thepracticeroom.me> Register here for the conference itself <http://bit.ly/2r7h4KF>

2) Lean Government Exchange June 27: This news coincidentally coincides with our **Big Ideas Book Discussion** last week, when the title up for discussion was 2-Second Lean. All about finding efficiencies in our work by first finding unnecessary steps in “the way we’ve always done things.”



Turns out that a workshop titled **Lean Government Exchange** is scheduled for **June 27** in **Des Moines (9:00AM-4:00PM)**. This is the first such event for governments and non-profits, a day of learning that begins with keynote speaker Ken Miller, author of We Don't Make Widgets. A panel discussion will talk about the impact of lean government in the public sector, along with looking at lean concepts from the private sector and from the customer perspective.

Workshop coordinators emphasize that you do need to work in government to benefit from this event. Anyone who strives to continuously improve their organization can benefit from attending:

- Learn the myths that keep government from radically improving
- How to be a Lean leader and foster a Lean culture

Find more information and registration here

<http://www.iowalean.org/learning-opportunities/upcoming-learning-opportunities>



3) Two From Iowa Chosen For NASA @ My Library: Seventy-five U.S. public libraries have been selected to receive resources, training and support from **NASA @ My Library**, a STEM education initiative that will increase STEM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation. Notably, two Iowa libraries are among the recipients: **Boone** and **Estherville Public Libraries**.

All winners, selected through a competitive application process from a pool of more than 500 applicants, will participate in an 18-month project (Phase 1), with the opportunity to extend for an additional two-year period (Phase 2) **NASA @ My Library Partners** will receive:

- Two **NASA STEM Facilitation Kits** (total value: \$750) designed for use in hands-on STEM programming

- A tablet computer, pre-loaded with apps and educational games
- A \$500 programming grant
- Inclusion in a two-day NASA workshop in Denver (Feb. 28 to March 1, 2018) with an \$800 stipend for travel costs
- Training webinars about using the **NASA @ My Library** materials in programming.
- Ongoing networking opportunities with participating libraries.

Read more about **NASA @ My Library** program on ALA's website <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/05/75-public-libraries-selected-nasa-my-library-partners> And thanks to Tena Hanson with Estherville PL for this news—congratulations to **Estherville** and **Boone Public Libraries!**



4) Open House at Spirit Lake PL: Area libraries are invited to an **open house** at **Spirit Lake Public Library** on **Tuesday June 13**. For several months, library staff have been overseeing major remodeling, with city crews handling the heavy lifting.

The facelift has included designing a reading lounge, new carpeting, re-arranging most of the collection, and repositioning the main service desk. Walls between storage rooms were removed to gain more usable space that is now an expanded children's department and play space, complete with a lakes-inspired mural painted by a local artist. And all finished in time for the summer tourist crush!

Spirit Lake PL's open house runs from **4:00-7:00PM** on **June 13**—make plans to stop by!



5) Meetings / Events This Week: Director Roundtables conclude this week in Northwest District—tomorrow May 23 at Inwood PL 9:30AM-12:30PM) In a facilitated discussion format, the topic this year is **"The Planning Standard."** When public library standards were revised in 2016, the requirement to have a strategic plan changed from a Tier 3 expectation to a Tier 2. This change in standards impacts more libraries than before, making this a timely topic for **Director Roundtables 2017**.

Registration is open in the c.e catalog <https://statelibraryofowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index>
Everyone registered is asked to bring along their library's current planning document because there will time to practice writing goals and objectives. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Inwood...

The Boardroom webinar series continues this **Thursday May 25** when the topic is **"Raising Our Standards."** **Online 6:00-7:30PM**—register in the c.e. catalog to ensure that you receive the Adobe Classroom link.

A few more national webinars close out the month of May. Find descriptions and registration info here <http://www.statelibraryofowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

May 23. 1:00-2:00PM. ***Social Media and Volunteer Engagement*** sponsored by VolunteerMatch <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

May 24. 4:00-5:00PM. ***Summer Reading 501: Helping Generation App Read This Summer*** sponsored by edWeb <https://www.edweb.net/emergingtech>

May 31. 1:00-2:00PM. ***Libraries as Innovation Hubs: Community Driven Design*** sponsored by TechSoup <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/caoduy8qgx8&eom>

All State Library offices will be closed next **Monday May 29** for **Memorial Day**. And a vacation day for me on June 5 means that **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** will be back on **June 12**.

Have a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend!

Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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