

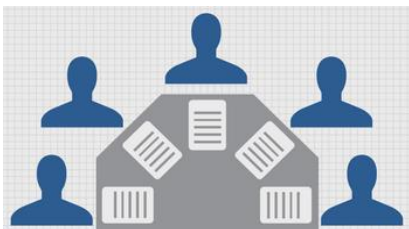


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Good **Morning** and Happy **July 4th!** Today in **EYE-OPENER** July 3, 2017

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1) **The Boardroom Continues in July: *The Boardroom*** webinar series continues apace ☺ In fact, there will be two ***Boardroom*** sessions in July because of unusual circumstances last week. Last Thursday's installment—***Policies For Results*** the intended topic—was pre-empted because raging weather in western Iowa caused power

outages and Internet connection problems. With technical difficulties all around, re-scheduling seemed the logical thing to do.

SO...catch "***Policies For Results***" now on **July 20th**, followed by "***The Planning Standard***" on **July 27. 6:00-7:30 each time.** Register in the c.e. catalog <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index>

The Boardroom is an extended webinar series scheduled on the last Thursday of every month through November. We began with "***Toward Better Board Recruitment***," followed by "***Toward Better Board Meetings***." Plenty of topics are in the mix, from policies and planning to advocacy, HR issues, and tech savviness.

The Boardroom represents another way that State Library staff can further assist local boards in meeting standards. Remember the 2016 revised standards brought this change: board education is now required of all libraries at a Tier 1 level. Specifically **Standard #8** reads "***...All members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year.***"

Attending webinars is a very effective method for meeting this standard. Gather together at the library to watch these programs and to talk about what most resonates with your trustee experience. What changes, large or small, will your board choose to make?

Visit the c.e. catalog, mark your calendars, and make plans to join **The Boardroom** webinar series!

2) More Intros to New Databases in July: As you know, Iowa libraries and their patrons are about to enjoy a new suite of online resources now on the scene effective July 1st. By state law, the State Library was required to issue a **Request For Proposals** to make a digital resource package available for Iowa libraries statewide. This spring, the **Gale Company** won the Iowa bid, effectively replacing the EBSCO products for the majority of Iowa libraries. (note: individual and smaller consortia groups will retain some EBSCO resources on their own...)



Gale service reps began offering introductory sessions last week, explaining what will be included in that new package. And it's a wonderful assortment of products like **Chilton Library, Health & Wellness Resource Center, Books & Authors, KidsBits**, as well as hundreds of journals and magazines at all age levels and interests. If you missed these intros, watch the recordings <http://bit.ly/2shhmeQ>

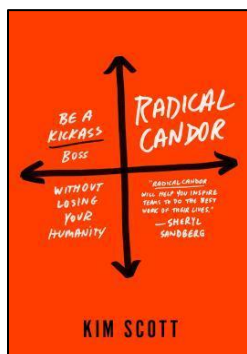
But wait, there's more! Service reps from **Credo Reference** and from **Transparent Languages** are offering introductions on their products in the next two weeks. Please take time to attend some of these online intros because this is an important first step in getting your staff better acquainted with the new suite of resources. Choose from dates and times below, refer to LibraryTalk for Jay's posts and webinar room links <https://lt.silo.lib.ia.us/>

Intro to Credo Reference—choose from:

July 11 @ 2:00PM / July 12 @ 7:00PM / July 14 @ 10:00AM / July 17 @ 10:00AM and 2:00PM

Intro to Transparent Languages—choose from

July 18 @ 10:00AM and 3:00PM / July 19 @ 9:00AM and 6:30PM / July 20 @ 3:00PM



3) Big Ideas Book Discussion August 3rd: Next in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is **Radical Candor: Be a KickAss Boss Without Losing Your Humanity** by Kim Scott. It happens online **August 3rd at 9:30AM**. Ms Scott is a former executive at both Google and Apple and has earned a growing reputation in recent years with her humane, yet no-nonsense approach to personnel management. From Amazon: "...**Radical Candor** is a simple idea: to be a good boss, you have to Care Personally at the same time that you Challenge Directly. When you challenge without caring, it's obnoxious aggression. When you care without

challenging, it's ruinous empathy. When you do neither: it's manipulative insincerity. This simple framework can help you build better relationships at work, and fulfill three key responsibilities as a leader: creating a culture of feedback (praise and criticism) building a cohesive team, and achieving results you're all proud of."

In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service. In addition to a great assortment of non-fiction titles there are other spin-off benefits of **Big Ideas**:

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. Join us for the next good read Radical Candor!



4) Virtual Staff Development Day August 16: Alysia Peich shared this news on LIBRARY TALK and it bears repeating! The State Library of Iowa is partnering with the state libraries in Georgia, Colorado, and Maryland to offer the **first-ever multi-state library virtual conference** on the topic of **Community Building**. This virtual

conference takes place on **Wednesday August 16 (10:00AM-4:00PM)** Speakers will explore how libraries are working in their communities to bring about positive change around shared visions and goals. One of Iowa's own—Jackie Jordan of Marengo PL—will participate on a panel discussion.

This **Community Building** theme will include these topics:

- Girls Who Code
- Libraries for Peace and Social Justice
- Technologies as Community Builders
- Working with Refugees, Seniors, and Community Food Programs

This **virtual conference** is free, open to all Iowa library staff, and you can join at any time throughout the day. All sessions qualify for continuing education credit. More information—including registration and session details—will be coming soon. In the meantime, contact Alysia with any questions (alysia.peich@iowa.gov; 800-248-4483)



5) Meetings / Events This Week: Correctionville PL board meets on Friday, I'll join them with an overview of *Planning For Results*. And Akron PL board meets on Saturday, I'll join them with "*Raising Our Standards*."

The State Library is closed tomorrow July 4th—enjoy a Yankee Doodle holiday!

Don't forget about the **introductory sessions** highlighting **Credo Reference** and **Transparent Languages** in the next two weeks—scroll back to article 2! Plus: July brings in a new menu of webinars from national providers. Find descriptions and registration info here

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

July 5. 10:00-11:00AM. *PubMed, PubMed Central, MEDLINE, MedlinePlus* sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

July 5. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to Corporate Giving* sponsored by GrantSpace

[http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/\(month\)/7/\(year\)/2017](http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/(month)/7/(year)/2017)

July 7. 9:00AM-2:30PM. *Learn the Best Ways to Use Tools, Apps, & Extensions in the Classroom* sponsored by SimpleK12

https://simplek12.lpages.co/event-7-7/?cc=atf_420_250



Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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