



# Monday Morning Eye-Opener November 20, 2017

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Happy Thanksgiving! November 20, 2017

## STEM Survey Project



### STEM Readiness in Public Libraries

In this season of giving, here's an opportunity for your library to give back--input, that is. The Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning, in partnership with ALA and other alliances, is asking for public library input into developing a **STEM readiness tool**. Your input is important to understanding the current

state of **STEM** programming in public libraries nationwide; **STEM** standing for science-technology-engineering-math.

Organizers have designed a survey to gather librarian opinions about **STEM** programs and to gauge the amount of **STEM** activities that libraries are sponsoring. Consider things like LEGO clubs, technology-rich makerspaces, space-related programs like the solar eclipse viewing parties this past summer, etc.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete—click the button below to start. All responses are appreciated, even if your library has not offered much in terms of **STEM** programs. All information will be kept confidential and not traced back to individual libraries. Your responses will lead to understanding what resources and methods will be most useful for libraries to begin or advance **STEM** learning in your communities.

Questions can be directed to Robert Jakubowski, Project Director, at [DatumAdvisors@gmail.com](mailto:DatumAdvisors@gmail.com) Thanks to Southwest District Consultant Misty Gray for this story!

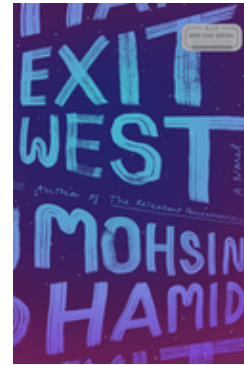
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# Book Club Central...Next Up

## Exit West

This past summer, *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* reported on a new reading initiative from ALA—**Book Club Central**. This program launched in June, with honorary chairperson Sarah Jessica Parker at the forefront. **From an ALA news release:** *“This online resource is a one-stop shop for engaging content and helpful information for book clubs and readers of all types, including author interviews, book recommendations and reviews, as well as discussion questions and information on how to start and moderate a book club...”*



Sarah Jessica Parker’s pick for the first **Book Club Central** title was No One is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Powell Watts. ALA recently announced her second pick: Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. Parker describes her choice: *“Mohsin Hamid’s Exit West gives a deeply real, beautiful, intricate, and electrifying look at what it means to be an immigrant right now. This tale of two people forced from their homeland and searching for a home elsewhere is transporting and illuminating. I was swept away by this gorgeous, otherworldly novel and I’m so excited to offer it as our second selection for **Book Club Central**, as I’m convinced every reader will feel the same.”*

**Book Club Central** is really just getting started. If you’re not familiar, visit the website for more e and read an in-depth story at **American Libraries Magazine** <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/?s=book+club+central>

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## Classes Upcoming



### Next Week and Next Month

Following the **Thanksgiving Holiday**, State Library-sponsored webinars come back with a flourish next week. Here’s a summary of next week’s action, look to the **C.E. Catalog** for further descriptions and to register.

- **E-Rate and Form 470 = November 28 @ 2:00PM / repeats November 30 @ 10:00AM. Choose one.**
- **Big Ideas Book Discussion (If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look On My Face? by Alan Alda) November 29 @ 9:30AM**
- **The Boardroom: 7 Habits of Effective Boards = November 30 @ 6:00PM**

And looking ahead to **December 12th**, catch **Library101**. This 2-hour online program introduces newly hired directors to library support systems and services in Iowa. It's a friendly orientation: you'll meet State Library staff—at least virtually—helping you match names with faces. We'll discuss public library service standards and provide explanations of popular statewide programs, with plenty of time to answer your questions. People new to support staff positions, as well as trustees, are encouraged to attend.

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### This Week

The State Library will be closed for the **Thanksgiving Holiday** on **Thursday and Friday** this week. And with some vacation days for me, ***Monday Morning Eye-Opener*** will be back on **December 4th**.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



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