



# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 12, 2018

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Happy Valentine's Day! February 12, 2018

## Spring Meeting Of...



### Iowa Small Library Association

Coming up on **March 2nd**, it's the **Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)** spring meeting. This year's topic centers on **Friends Groups and Volunteers**.

From the **ISLA** website: "...*Would you like to start a Friends Group at your library but don't know where to begin? Do you have a*

*Friends Group but you aren't sure that they're doing all they can to help your library? Are you looking for ways to recruit new volunteers or to more effectively utilize the volunteers you have? Join us at the Spring Meeting to learn more about these topics from librarians who have successfully navigated their way to friendly Friends and thriving volunteer programs. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the presentations...*"

Again this year, the **ISLA** spring meeting will be conducted online using ZOOM web conferencing software. While there are a limited number of libraries across the state serving as host locations, the upside is that library staff can attend at an area location and talk face-to-face with other attendees. As more people register and express interest in hosting a ZOOM room, more locations will become available. At this writing, these are the locations hosting a ZOOM room:

- Washington Public Library
- Emmetsburg Public Library (Limit 10 attendees)
- Sheldon Public Library
- Ely Public Library

- Norelius Community Library in Denison
- Dike Public Library

The meeting runs from **9:30AM-12:00PM** and has been awarded **2 continuing education credits**. The cost is **\$5.00** for ISLA members / **\$10.00** for non-ISLA members / **\$15.00** for non ILA-non ISLA members. Find more information, along with the registration form, on the **ISLA webpage**--click the button!

[ISLA Website](#)

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## From the Iowa STEM Council ...



**GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

### STEM Grants Available

Thanks to Misty Gray with Southwest District for this news. For public libraries wanting to increase STEM programming, these grants could be just the ticket. The Iowa STEM council is offering grants to formal and informal educators—like public libraries—to strengthen STEM programming. **Grant deadlines are coming up fast—March 2nd** in most cases.

Find the link to the grant applications by clicking the button below. Here are some categories to consider:

- **Pint Size Science** == grades PreK-2. Four hands-on modules featuring Common Core math and literacy.
- **Ramps & Pathways** == grades PreK-2. Explore the engineering process and mathematics of spatial thinking and geometry through construction of marble runs.
- **STEM in Action** == grades PreK-5. Options in Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences; available in English and Spanish.
- **Making STEM Connections** == grades K-9. Students connect STEM to their daily lives and develop competencies essential to Iowa's future workforce.
- **Engineering Everywhere** == grades 6-8. Helps students think creatively and solve globally relevant engineering challenges

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## Nebraska Online Conference

[Big Talk From Small Libraries](#)



Last month, our State Library finished another ambitious online conference called ILOC . Now this month, our neighbors to the west—Nebraska State Library—hold their annual online conference

on **February 23 (8:45AM—5:00PM)** Nebraska’s online conference is called “**Big Talk From Small Libraries**” and their website actually credits Iowa with the idea “... *Big Talk From Small Libraries was inspired by Iowa’s Innovative Libraries Online Conference; our event wouldn’t exist without their advice and encouragement...*”

From their website: “...*Nebraska’s **Big Talk From Small Libraries** event is aimed at small libraries—the smaller, the better! Each of our speakers is from a small library or directly works with small libraries. Topics range from technology (new and old tech) to programming to new service roles. Everyone is welcome to register and attend...whether your library serves a few thousand or a few hundred, this is the day for you...*”

A handful of breakout sessions show here; congrats to Lori Juhlin with Hawarden Public Library who is one of the speakers.

- If You Feed Them, They Still Might Not Come
- Student Access Cards: Providing Students With the Tools They Need to Success (Lori Juhlin, Director Hawarden PL)
- Best Small Library in America Award Winner 2017
- At Your Service: The Library as Community Hub

**Big Talk From Small Libraries** is broadcast online using the GoToWebinar software. GoToWebinar works on Windows, Mac, Google Chrome OS, Linux, iOS and Android devices. Login instructions will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Visit the conference website for full details and registration. Like Iowa’s **ILOC** event, Nebraska does plan on recording all **Big Talk** sessions, with recordings posted to their website. You do not need to register for the conference to access the recordings.

[Big Talk Conference](#)

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### **This Week ...**

The State Library’s HR series continues online today with “**Legal Aspects of Management;**” Iowa attorney Matt Brick leads this webinar at **1:00PM**.

ILA’s annual **Lobby From Home Day** is this **Wednesday Feb14**, which asks advocates across the state to contact their local representatives. This day is a chance to thank local reps for their financial support of libraries, and also to explain how critical that funding is at the local, state, and federal levels. ILA Governmental Affairs Committee has develop a list of talking points on its website

[www.iowalibraryassociation.org](http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org)

If you missed any part of the State Library’s ILOC Conference last month, you’ll find recordings for both keynotes and all sessions in between on this page

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/iloc/iloc-2018/Resources18>

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