



Monday Morning Eye-Opener May 14, 2018

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Good Morning! May 14, 2018

May is Older Americans Month

Engage at Every Age

Since 1963, May has been designated as “**Older Americans Month.**” Originally titled “Senior Citizens Month” by President Kennedy, it was President Carter’s administration that re-named it “**Older Americans Month**” in 1980.



The 2018 theme is “**Engage at Every Age,**” emphasizing that people are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in all communities. The purpose of **Older Americans Month** is to acknowledge the vitality, aspirations, and contributions of older citizens, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation in May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Making **Older Americans Month** a perfect occasion for library book displays, bulletin boards, and programming.

The Administration on Aging, along with the Administration for Community Living are major sponsors of **Older Americans Month.** From their websites you can find logos and posters to help with your local promotions, along with activities and resources to use in local programming. Learn more about **Older Americans Month** at the link below and share your plans with each other on **LIBRARY TALK!**

[Older Americans Month](#)

Bridge to Reading



Picture Book Award Winner

This story is thanks to State Library Youth Services Consultant Merri Monks. Merri shares this news: the winner of the **Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award** is [This is NOT a Cat](#) by David LaRochele, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka, and published by Sterling Children's Books (2016) The **Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award** is sponsored by the Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library

Association in partnership with Carnegie-Stout Public Library (Dubuque) The voting included over 6,000 kindergarten and preschool children who voted for their favorite picture book between February 1 and April 30, 2018.

The mission of the **Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award** is to promote early literacy and reading to children by introducing quality picture books. The books are chosen based on characteristics of a good "read aloud." Children kindergarten age and younger are encouraged to develop a lifelong love of books and reading through their participation in the voting process. The award was formed as part of the *Campaign for Third Grade Reading* and administrated by a committee of librarians, teachers, and early literacy leaders.

The **Bridge to Reading Committee** wishes to thank all of the teachers, librarians, parents, and caregivers who read to their children and helped them participate in the voting, making this initiative so successful. For more information, visit the website

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Tech Conference in Storm Lake

BV Campus June 11-12

After a year's hiatus, the **TICL Conference** is coming back—**June 11-12, 2018** on BV University campus in Storm Lake. Titled "**TICL Reignited**," the acronym stands for **Technology Integration in the**

Classroom. Sponsored by Northwest and Prairie Lakes AEAs, this conference is aimed at classroom teachers, administrators, and technology directors.



But the **TICL Conference** is also very useful for public library staff too because multiple concurrent sessions raise awareness of technology tools, resources, and learning strategies that can be applied to public library programming. Plus, it's close to home and affordable: \$75.00 for one day or \$125.00 for both days.

Keynote speaker Eric Curts has been in education for 26 years, currently an authorized Google Education Trainer providing Google Apps training to schools, organizations, and conferences throughout Ohio and across the country.

From the conference website: “...the 2018 **TICL Conference** offers many fun and informative opportunities. Learn about new technology to spark student interest...a great chance to connect with peers and experts who share your commitment as well as your challenges.”

Follow the conference website for registration and watch as more session information loads in,

[TICL Conference](#)



This Week ...

For everyone pre-registered, remember **Big Ideas Book Discussion** happens this **Thursday May 17** when the title this time is The Power of Moments (9:30-11:30AM)

Director Roundtables continue in various locations across the state this week, as do on-site **PLOW classes**. These events continue through the month of May. Complete with c.e. credits, these are great opportunities to meet up with colleagues face-to-face for conversation and learning.

Find all dates and locations for spring **Director Roundtables** and **PLOW classes** in the C.E. Catalog and register for the one nearest you!

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