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Good Morning! August 27, 2018

State Library Learning Circuit!



Four Locations in October

The State Library is pleased to announce our fall workshops under a new name—**The Learning Circuit**. Formerly known as Town Meetings, this fall we have a reboot—a new name and a new format presented in four locations across the state during **the week of October 15**. This fall, our topic of conversation surrounds **The Edge**.

The Edge Toolkit provides Iowa libraries with an impressive technology assessment tool, along with a “plan of action” that can be readily included into local planning documents. Bonus: **The Edge** is entirely free to Iowa libraries, paid for by the State Library.

Iowa library staff and boards are engaged in long-range planning, keeping pace with changing technology, advocating for sustainable funding. And always looking for new ways to demonstrate the public library’s impact. Using **The Edge Toolkit** actually helps connect all of these dots!

In this hands-on workshop, **Edge** trainers will lead attendees through the **Edge** process, highlighting the assessment and proving the value of the assessment results. Learn to connect **The Edge** with your local planning efforts, with your local advocacy efforts, and with your budget presentations to funders. You

will leave with a good understanding of how to use the **EDGE** to talk to community leaders, with an action plan going forward.

**Register now for the 2018 State Library Learning Circuit.
Take the Pledge, Join the Edge!**

State Library Learning Circuit

Performers' Showcase

September 19-21

Now sponsored by ILA's Youth Services Division, the **2018 Performers Showcase** is scheduled in **three locations** in **September**. This popular event delivers on its promise: it sets up an opportunity to see children's performers—live and in person—as they present a preview of their summer shows. Attendees are then able to decide which performers to book, and just as importantly, attendees are able to partner with nearby libraries to share programming expenses.



There are three **Performers' Showcases** this year, each one running from **9:30AM-3:00PM**. Check-in starts at **9:00AM**; please pre-register so that organizers can email you more information about the site, lunch plans, and eventually the program evaluation.

- **Wednesday Sept 19 @ Le Mars Community Center**
- **Thursday Sept 20 @ Pella Community Center**
- **Friday Sept 21 in Monticello Community Center**

Click below for registration, contact [Katie Dreyer](#) at Pella PL with questions

Performers Showcase Registration

Geri-Fit @ Your Library



Fitness Classes For Older Adults

Central District Consultant Maryann Mori has this news regarding a unique programming option for public libraries—hosting fitness classes. Designed exclusively for older adults, **Geri-Fit** helps rebuild strength that's been lost through the aging process, ensuring a higher level of

function as people continue to age. This national initiative is seeking to partner with rural public libraries. **Geri-Fit** will provide you with DVDs and other resources to use in providing free, evidence-based fitness classes @ your library, in exchange for participating in a study.

To participate, your library must be willing and able to offer a series of **free exercise classes** for older adults during a 12 week period. Over 12 consecutive weeks, classes would be held on two, non-consecutive days per week for 45-minutes. Other requirements: your library must have either a DVD player or a wide-screen TV or projector with the capability of displaying a workout video large enough that participants can see and move along with. Your library must have sturdy chairs with no arms—each fitness participant will need two chairs for this exercise class.

From the **Geri-Fit** website: *“This program is prepared and ready to go! Are you ready to take advantage of this free opportunity? If yes, simply fill out [this form](#). A staff member from Geri-Fit will then follow up with you...”*

Learn more at the Geri-Fit website below or call **1-888-437-4348**.

[Geri-Fit Info](#)



This Week and Next ...

Another webinar in **The Boardroom** series happens tomorrow evening **August 28**. Online from **6:00-7:30PM**, the topic is **“Advocacy Faces & Places.”**

Next **Monday September 3rd** is **Labor Day**. State Library offices will be closed for the holiday, look for the

next issue of **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** on **September 10th**.

Have a safe and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!



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