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Good Morning! September 17, 2018

Banned Books Week



September 23-29

Banned Books Week, ALA's annual public awareness campaign, is **September 23-29**. **Banned Books Week** celebrates the freedom to read by promoting the value of equal access to information for all ages. This year's theme is "***Banning Books Silences Stories—Speak Out!***"

This national recognition brings together the entire book community—libraries, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and trustees—in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider

controversial and unpopular.

By focusing on frequent efforts by groups and individuals seeking to remove or restrict access to books, **Banned Books Week** draws national attention to the dangers of censorship. The ALA [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) (OIF) compiles lists of challenged books as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country.

Click the button below to find **BBW** stories and promotional materials. Find out which challenged books made the 2017 list, which was released as part of the [2018 State of America's Libraries Report](#) in April this year. One last idea—share your plans for **Banned Books Week** with each other on **LIBRARY TALK!**

Iowa Library Association Conference

October 3-5 in Cedar Rapids

All roads lead to Cedar Rapids in October! That's the host city for the **2018 Iowa Library Association Fall Conference**, October 3-5 at the **Hilton Doubletree & Cedar Rapids Convention Center**. This year's conference theme is "**Access-Connections-Action.**"



There are lots of things to enjoy, in addition to keynote speakers and concurrent sessions—like the **Grand Opening of Exhibits on Wednesday Oct 3** (3:00-6:00PM) The exhibit hall will boast an Author Fair and a scavenger hunt offering attendees a chance to win a Visa cash card. This is followed by a **welcome reception at Cedar Rapids Public Library** (6:30-8:00PM)

Choose from two events on Thursday night: **Trivia Night** returns, alongside a first-time **Speed Mentoring** option. Pre-registration is required to participate in either of these, the cost is \$33.00 and includes dinner.

With three pre-conference workshops on Wednesday and dozens of sessions Thursday-Friday, the **ILA Annual Conference** is always a premier learning and networking opportunity. It's not too late to register—in fact, **Early Bird Registration** is open until **September 21st**. The full conference schedule is posted on ILA's website

[ILA Conference Details](#)

National Library Card Sign-Up Month...



Each Year In September

September is the time when the American Library Association joins public libraries nationwide to highlight the value of a library card. Since 1987, **Library Card Sign-up Month** has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. Libraries work to remind parents and youth that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

This effort is credited to former U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett who said: **"Let's have a national campaign...every child should obtain a library card**

and use it." Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join the campaign to ensure every child does just that, helping parents and caregivers save hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From access to STEAM programs, e-resources, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, a library card provides all that. Proving again that a library card is critical to learning, not to mention a very cost-effective back-to-school item!

This year, Disney Pixar's superhero family, the Incredibles, figures prominently in all promotions. Find great promo items, including a printable graphic asking patrons of all ages to answer "**My Library is Incredible Because...**" Find that, along with this year's posters, bookmarks, stickers, and toolkit at ALA

National Library Card Sign-Up



This Week And Next ...

The fall round of **Public Library Management 1** begins on Tuesday this week **September 18**. Plus another **Presentation Pointers: Using Infographics** workshop is scheduled for Wednesday **September 19** at **Humboldt Public Library**.

Edge Assessment Work Sessions are taking place in many locations across the state in September. Offered ahead of the **State Library Learning Circuits** in October, these work sessions are a chance to complete the **Edge Assessment** together as a group, with laptops and assistance on-site. Register for the one nearest you in the [C.E. Catalog](#).

Finally, this reminder: mentioned last week in this space, the State Library has developed a **Continuing Education Needs Assessment** as part of our FY18-FY22 Strategic Plan. The needs assessment will give us a comprehensive look at the training needs of all Iowa librarians. It will also help inform our annual education planning. Regardless of what job you do at your library, we want to hear which topics you need to learn more about.

Many topic areas are addressed; we ask that you rate your knowledge on each topic as "**Low-Medium-High**." For topics not related to the work you do, there's the additional answer option "Not applicable to my position."

This survey should take about 15 minutes to complete, note it closes at 4:30PM on **September 24**. Click here to open—thanks for your time and your feedback!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018CENeeds>

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