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## Monday Morning Eye-Opener January 14, 2019

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Good Morning! January 14, 2019

### Staff Development Grant

#### From ALA Learning Roundtable

The ALA Learning Roundtable (LRT) is awarding an education grant to enable an individual to attend a professional development event **between September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020**. The recipient will receive up to \$1,000.00 and in exchange, must share their learning experience in some fashion—either through the LRT newsletter, blog, list serve, etc. Titled the Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant, it is named after LRT past president the late Pat Carterette, who by all accounts was a passionate leader in library science continuing education.



The maximum grant amount is \$1,000.00 (reimbursement with receipts) Any costs incurred over \$1,000.00 will be the responsibility of the recipient. In addition to the financial award, the winner will have the help of a “Professional Development Mentor” throughout the award year. If the recipient is already an ALA member, they will also receive a free one-year membership in LRT. The grant winner will be notified in May 2019.

Applicants do not have to be ALA members to apply. If interested in this professional development grant, respond to this survey by **11:59PM on February 15, 2019**



## Small But Mighty...

### PROGRAMMING Librarian

#### Iowa Libraries Showcased On Blog

Throughout this new year, the State Library of Iowa will be featured on the **Programming Librarian** website. Central District Consultant Maryann Mori is leading this effort by being a contributing writer to a blog called ***“Small But Mighty: Examples of Greatness From Small Libraries.”***

Maryann will share stories from Iowa’s small public libraries, stories about providing innovative programming in small spaces, with limited staff and financial resources. ***“Small does not mean less. Many Iowa libraries have already determined that, despite their relative smallness, they have a big role to play in their communities. In the coming months, select Iowa public library directors will share the great things they’re doing in their towns without the benefit of big buildings, large staff rosters, or large budgets. What all of these libraries have in common is seeing the needs of their communities and finding ways to meet them. They are small but mighty...”***

Prairie City PL (population 1,680) gets an early shout-out on this blog. Prairie City staff assembled learning kits—sets of thematic items, gathered into easy-to-carry tote bags, on topics ranging from disc golf to cake decorating. From the blog post: ***“one set—How to Play the Ukelele—was checked out by a local teen. Using the set, she taught herself the instrument, purchased her own ukulele, and encouraged her friends to try the kit. Two of her friends likewise used the set to learn to play. The teens then started a ukulele ensemble known as Ukes for Cancer. They now perform at area events like farmers’ markets to raise donations for cancer research. Talk about making a BIG difference in a person’s life and in a community!”***

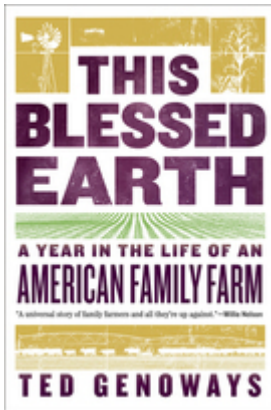
***Small But Mighty*** is sure to be a fun blog to read, with great programming ideas from Iowa libraries!

[Programming Librarian Blog](#)

## All Iowa Reads Books In Multiple Copies

### Reserve For Your Book Discussion Group

The State Library has multiple copies of the 2019 *All Iowa Reads* title [This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an Iowa Family Farm](#) by Ted Genoways. These multiple sets are available to Iowa libraries to use with local book discussion groups throughout the new year.



Each District office has 2 sets of [This Blessed Earth](#) (10 copies in each set) plus one audio CD in each set. While the books are housed at the State Library's Des Moines building and shipped from there, it's the District Library Resource Techs who are the ones to contact to reserve your copies. Reservations are already kicking in, so best advice is to call your District Office to learn when sets will be available. Call 800-248-4483.

And don't forget about the additional AIR titles for kids.

[Amina's Voice](#) by Hena Khan is the 2019 AIR choice for kids ages 8-12, while [A Land of Permanent Goodbyes](#) by Atia Abawi is the 2019 AIR book for teens. Multiple copies of these are also available. Watch the AIR webpage for resources and discussion questions to be posted soon.

[All Iowa Reads Webpage](#)

## This Week And Next...



### Health in the New Year Webinar

Learn more about the resources included in the **Gale package** by watching a webinar on

**Wednesday** this week **January 16<sup>th</sup>** (1:30-2:30PM) Titled "**Health in the New Year,**" this webinar shows how to boost library users' healthy habits by promoting **Gale's Health & Wellness Resource Center**, as well as **Health & Reference Center Academic**. Learn tips for researching fad diets, discover sustainable healthy living plans, and hear tricks for promoting your library's authoritative health resources.

[C.E. Catalog](#)



### ILOC Conference This Thursday

On **Thursday January 17**, make time for **ILOC**—the State Library's annual all-day online conference. The conference theme—**Libraries at the Center of Community Life**—matches our education theme for this year—**Libraries and Community Engagement**.

**ILOC** begins at **9:00AM** with the morning keynote is Ryan Dowd, Executive Director of a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago. He regularly travels the country training libraries, police departments, schools, and other organizations on how to work compassionately with homeless individuals. Dowd is also the author of the ALA book [The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#).

After the keynote, **ILOC** continues with multiple breakout sessions throughout the day, followed by an evening program for library boards. Find all details and registration in the C.E. Catalog.

It's ILOC Week!



## M.L. King Holiday Next Monday

Next **Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>** is **Martin Luther King Day** and a state holiday. **All State Library offices will be closed for the holiday, *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* will be back on January 28.**

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