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Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 4, 2019

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Good Morning! February 4, 2019

Calling All Library Advocates:

**Lobby From Home Day
February 13**



The Iowa Library Association is calling upon all library advocates to participate in **Lobby From Home Day—next Wednesday February 13**. This is an annual effort to connect local library boards, staff, Friends, and fans with their local legislators, sending the message that Iowa libraries are valued, essential city services.

Lobby From Home Day is a great opportunity to contact your area representatives and state legislators to say thank you, but also to remind them about how libraries are funded, explaining how critical that funding is at local, state, and federal levels. Connect with your local reps with this link <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>

ILA Governmental Affairs Committee has developed a list of advocacy talking points on the ILA website. Just a few are reprinted here, find the full **2019 Legislative Agenda** at the button below

- **Increased Funding for Enrich Iowa:** This statewide program helps public libraries modernize infrastructure, update technology, and provide innovative services. This is state money that flows directly to public libraries. Read the [FY18 Enrich Iowa Report](#) for details

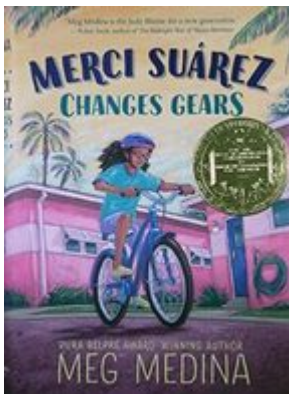
- **Full Funding for the State Library of Iowa:** Every dollar invested in the State Library helps fulfill the agency's mission to partner with public libraries to improve service for Iowans.
- **Recognition of Teacher Librarians as School Instructional Staff:** It costs nothing to direct the Department of Education to designate teacher librarians as instructional staff who provide student learning in school libraries, classrooms, learning commons, makerspaces, labs, and virtual learning spaces.
- **Continued Financial Support for Online Statewide Career / Workforce Related Products:** These resources help thousands of Iowans learn and enhance skills needed for Iowa's multifaceted workforce

As much as legislators appreciate hearing from library trustees and staff, they also need to hear from patrons. So finding a way to get library users involved in **Lobby From Home Day** is equally important. If you've involved your patrons in the past, please share what you've done on **LibraryTalk** this week.

And another important advocacy date to note: **March 13 is ILA Legislative Day in Des Moines**. That day's schedule typically begins with a legislative briefing at the State Library, followed by a reception with Iowa lawmakers at the State Capitol. Another timely advocacy opportunity!

ILA Legislative Agenda

Newbery & Caldecott Awards



2019 Winners Announced

ALA's prestigious youth media awards were announced last week. And the 2019 Newbery Medal goes to [Merci Suarez Changes Gears](#) by Meg Medina. The 2019 Caldecott Medal goes to [Hello, Lighthouse](#) written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall.

The John Newbery Medal is given annually to the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. The Randolph Caldecott Medal is given annually to the most distinguished American picture book for children. These awards are announced at ALA's midwinter conference, held in Seattle just last week.

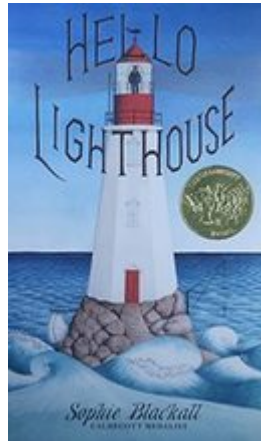
Many other youth authors and illustrators were winners last week, among them author Claire Hartfield who wrote [A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919](#). This book won the Coretta Scott King Award which recognizes an African American author. Illustrator and author Corey R. Tabor won the Dr Seuss Award for the best beginning reader book [Fox the Tiger](#).

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, these and countless other ALA award-winning books guide parents, educators, librarians and others in

selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by judging committees of librarians and other children's experts, the awards encourage original and creative work by authors and illustrators of children and teen literature.

Newbery and Caldecott Medals enjoy a long history. The Newbery Medal has been given since 1922, the Caldecott Medal since 1938. Visit ALA's website for a complete listing of these and many other award-winners!

Newbery & Caldecott Medals



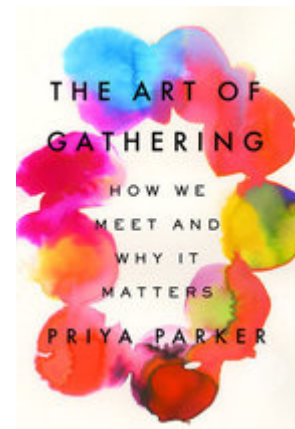
Caldecott Medal 2019

Next Big Ideas Book Discussion

The Art of Gathering

The first book in the **2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters by Priya Parker. **(Feb28 from 9:30-11:00AM)** The author believes that the gatherings in people's lives are largely lackluster and unproductive, but they don't have to be.

Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes readers inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings—conferences, meetings, and courtrooms. From GoodReads "...Parker explains how ordinary people can create remarkable occasions, large and small. She breaks down the alchemy of meetings to show what goes into the good ones...the result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of big ideas with real-world applications that will change the way you look at a business meeting, a parent-teacher conference, and a backyard barbecue."



In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas

with public library service. In addition to an assortment of non-fiction titles, there are other spin-off benefits of participating in Big Ideas:

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the ***Big Ideas*** series for your own collections.

[Register Today!](#)

This Week and Next...



Webinars This Week:

Two notable webinars this week—“**Library Volunteers: Tapping Into Community Engagement**” on **Tuesday February 5** (1:00-2:00PM) On **Wednesday February 6**, join us for a look at another GALE resource, this time “**Medical Materials in Credo Reference**” (1:30-2:00PM)



"Let's Get Moving" Next Week:

Another webinar on tap for next **Tuesday February 12** —**Let's Get Moving in Iowa Libraries: Physical Activity Programs for Fun and Health**” (1:00-2:00PM)

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