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# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 25, 2019

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Good Morning! February 25, 2019

## Brainfuse News Part 3:

### JobNow & VetNow Features

Our multi-part series on **Brainfuse** continues, explaining the product's features while helping library staff feel more knowledgeable about this new product and its impact for patrons. Today a closer look at **JobNow** and **VetNow** Features:

#### JobNow Features:

**Live Interview Coaching** = Patrons can brush up on interview techniques or actually practice interviewing with trained job coaches. Both parties communicate via live chat in the Brainfuse online classroom. Live interview coaching is available daily from 12:00-10:00PM CST. In addition to live interview coaching, library patrons have 24/7 access to interview tips and career resources.

**Resume Lab** = Patrons can submit their resumes any time through the JobNow Resume Lab and a job coach will send it back within 24 hours with detailed feedback and suggestions for improvement. Users are also able to download resume templates.

**Adult Learning Center** = The Adult Learning Center provides foundational career-enhancing skills to job seekers. This space offers test preparation (including the GED and the USCIS citizenship test) along with an academic skills center featuring online tutors.

#### VetNow Features:



**Live Online Navigators** = These specialists are trained to help veterans and families connect with valuable benefits. This resource can answer questions related to veteran benefits eligibility, refer patrons to applicable community resources, and assist patrons with locating accredited claims agents. Live Online Navigators are available Monday through Friday from 1:00-9:00PM CST.

**Job Tools** = Designed to help with all stages of the job hunting process, VetNow Tools feature career coaching, expert resume assistance, live interview preparation, and more. Here, veterans are able to use the career resources to discover their best career fit based on education, experience, and personality. Downloadable resume templates, cover letter assistance, and live interview practice.

**College Skills** = Users prepare for college with VetNow's array of tools, including interaction with online tutors, an extensive library of lessons, tutorials, asynchronous 24/7 help with academic questions, live help for language learners, and more.

Thanks to Emily Bainter and Marie Harms for contributing this series of articles.  
Continue watching this space for more **BrainFuse News!**

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## Scholarships to ARSL Conference



### Apply By March 8th

The State Library of Iowa is offering five grants to public library staff to attend the **2019 Association for Small Rural Libraries Conference** (ARSL). Each grant is worth \$1,000.00; the **ARSL Conference** will be held **September 4-7** in **Burlington, Vermont**.

Public library staff are encouraged to apply for one of these scholarships--**the deadline is March 8**. This grant will be handled as a reimbursable, made payable to the applicant's library. Funding will help cover the cost of conference registration, travel, and hotel expenses. Any of the pre-conference programs are eligible, excluding tours or social events. No meals separate from those included in the overall registration fee will be reimbursed.

Again, these grants will be paid to the recipients' libraries after-the-fact. So applicants must be able to pay for their conference expenses up front. Only one grant will be awarded per library and completion of the **Edge Assessment** is a prerequisite. **Recipients will be notified on March 11**. Click below for the full Terms & Conditions, along with the grant application form itself.

### About the Conference:

The [Association for Small and Rural Libraries](#) is nationally known as a valuable education event, delivering practical and scalable programming. Topics include children's services, fundraising, marketing, keeping pace with technology, and much more.

Pre-conferences begin on **September 4** before the full conference gets underway **September 5-7**. This year's ARSL Conference will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont. Pricing includes 5 meals and all keynote events, with an early bird rate of \$275. Registration for the **ARSL Conference** opens in April.

[Apply for ARSL Scholarship!](#)

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## Summer Library Program Roundtables

### Starting in March

The State Library is sponsoring **Summer Reading Roundtables** starting soon. These **Roundtables** are an opportunity for youth services staff to gather in person to discuss programming ideas to use for the 2019 summer theme ***A Universe of Stories***. All sessions will include craft displays, book displays based on the many titles listed in the SLP manual, and drawings for door prizes!



Led by Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi, our **SLP Roundtables** will be presented in several locations across the state. Angie asks all attendees to bring SLP 2019 programming ideas to share. In a 3-hour format, each age group discussion will be 45 minutes, beginning with early literacy, followed by children, teens and adults. We're building in one hour for lunch on-your-own. Find the date and location nearest you in the C.E. Catalog

Given current weather conditions, here's hoping March comes in like a lamb!

[Register For SLP Roundtables](#)

## Reminders & Webinars



### Standards & Accreditation Reports

Libraries needing to submit their standards / accreditation report in this year's cycle--the deadline is this week **February 28**. Find the application form, full instructions, and explanation of accompanying documentation [here](#)

[Standards & Accreditation Report](#)



## Webinars This Week

Two webinars this week: on **Wednesday February 27** learn more about the ***Teen All Iowa Reads*** title The Land of Permanent Goodbyes by Atia Abawi (10:00AM-12:00PM)

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And on **Thursday February 28**, ***Big Ideas Book Discussion*** takes up The Art of Gathering by Priya Parker (9:30-11:00AM)

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