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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

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Lobby From Home Day February 10, 2020

The Iowa Library Association is calling upon all library advocates to participate in **Lobby From Home Day—next Monday February 10**. This is an annual effort to connect local library boards, staff, Friends, and patrons with their local legislators, sending the message that Iowa libraries are valued, essential city services. You can relay these impressive stats:

- Iowans made 16.5 million visits to their public libraries in FY18
- Iowans checked out 24 million items in FY18
- Iowans utilized the Internet 3 million times at their public libraries in FY18

Lobby From Home Day is a great opportunity to contact your area representatives and state senators 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 using this link <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>

ILA Governmental Affairs Committee has developed its legislative agenda and posted it on the ILA website. A few talking points are reprinted here, find the full **2020 Legislative Agenda** by clicking the button below.

2020 ILA Legislative Agenda:

- **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 Library's mission to partner with public libraries to improve service for all.
- **Recognition of Teacher Librarians as School Instructional Staff:** 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. Teacher librarians play a critical role within the educational team in each Iowa school district to provide lifelong skills to help student navigate, use, and evaluate information across many platforms.
- **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 advocacy date to note: **March 10 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 important advocacy date!

ILA 2020 Legislative Agenda

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dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

STEM Programming Available to Public Libraries

Iowa's public libraries are encouraged to participate in **STEM Scale-Up Programs**, sponsored by Governor Reynolds' **STEM** Advisory Council. The **STEM Scale-Up Program** has demonstrated success in increasing student interest and achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math skills across all demographics.

Through a rigorous review process, the **STEM** Council selected thirteen programs to be offered on the **2020-2021 STEM Scale-Up** menu, all providing high-quality education offerings to schools, after-school programs, and other settings for grades pre-K through 12. These programs range from building robots to computer coding to conducting agricultural field experiments.

Since 2012, the **STEM** Council has partnered with some of the most successful **STEM** education programs that have reached up to 100,000 Iowa young people each year, engaging them in exemplary **STEM** curriculum across the state. Thousands of educators across Iowa have delivered exciting units in robotics, coding, engineering design, agriculture, animal science, and more.

For the 2020-21 school year, the **STEM** Council has approved thirteen high-quality programs for the **STEM Scale-Up Program** menu. Of the thirteen programs being offered, six are available outside of a school setting—**which spells public libraries** !! Those six possibilities are:

- Computer Science Fundamentals
- Pint Size Science
- STEM in Action
- STEM Innovator
- VEX IQ Challenge
- VEX V5

The application window has already opened and will close on March 2—click below for application information. Thanks to Misty Gray, consultant with the Southwest District Office, for this story.

[STEM Scale-Up Program Application](#)

Storyline Online

Youth services staff may be familiar with this resource—**Storyline Online**. Angie Manfredi, our youth services consultant at the State Library, recommends it because it combines her love of movies and children's books!

The logo for Storyline Online, featuring the text "Storyline Online" in a white, serif font on a dark red rectangular background.

Storyline Online is a free resource for parents, public and school libraries—and of course children! This award-winning children's literacy website is sponsored by the SAG-AFTRA Foundation (Screen Actors Guild & American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) The Foundation is a nonprofit organization that relies entirely on gifts, grants, and donations to fund **Storyline Online** and produce all of its videos.

This resource is a collection of streaming videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books aloud. Among the many actors lending their time and talent to **Storyline Online** are Kevin Costner, Melissa Gilbert, Christian Slater, Viola Davis, Kristen Bell, and dozens more. Storyline Online sees over 100 million views annually.

Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by a credentialed elementary teacher, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners.

Angie Manfredi points to an FAQ page on the website, specifically this question: **"Can I use these videos on my library website? Answer: NO—it is illegal to use the content of Storyline Online on any other website, service, program, app or in any other media or context besides StorylineOnline.net, the Storyline Online channels on YouTube and SchoolTube, or any other use by the SAG-AFTRA Foundation. Please feel free, however, to add a link to StorylineOnline.net on your website..."**

[Learn More About Storyline Online](#)

This Week:



Tomorrow February 4, join a 1-hour webinar "**2020 Summer Library Program for Adults**" (1:00-2:00PM)

The same theme applies across all age groups: **"Imagine Your Story."** This webinar will offer ideas for engaging adults in this reading program this summer, providing programming tips, a review of the manual, as well as a Q&A portion.

On **Thursday February 6**, watch "**2020 All Iowa Reads: Exploring the Shortlists Webinar**" (1:00-2:00PM) This webinar introduces the **2020 All Iowa Reads (AIR)** shortlists. Hear about booktalks and read-alike selections for the books on the adult, teen, and kids shortlists. Take away ideas for how to spotlight these books in your library. Learn the selection process for titles for *All Iowa Reads* and get tips on how to run book discussion groups. Bring your stories of book club successes to share with the group in chat!

Multiple Copies of AIR Titles

Remember that each District office has sets of the **2020 All Iowa Reads** titles available to borrow for your local book clubs. These are the 2020 **AIR** titles:

- Adult All Iowa Reads: *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett

- Teen All Iowa Reads: *Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Kids All Iowa Reads: *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

If you would like to reserve a set for your library's book club, please contact the Library Resource Technician assigned to your District, they're keeping track of reservations. The sets will be sent via IASharedelivery--contact:

- Central / Southeast--Doreen Buls (515)281-5790 dori.buls@iowa.gov
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