

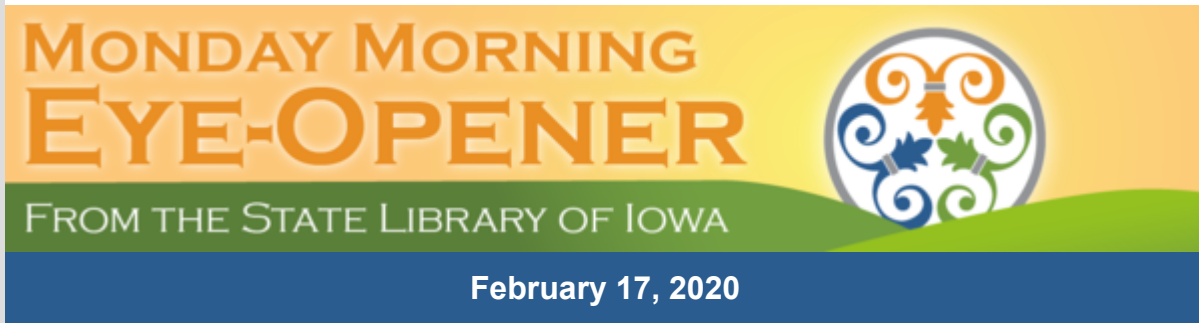


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# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 17, 2020

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## Big Talk From Small Libraries

Small Libraries Doing Big Things!  
February 28, 2020 #BTSL2020

## Online Conference From Nebraska State Library February 28, 2020

Just last month, the State Library of Iowa held our annual online conference called ILOC. Now this month, our neighbors at the Nebraska State Library hold their annual online conference on **Friday February 28 (8:45AM—5:00PM)** Nebraska's online conference is called "**Big Talk From Small Libraries**" and their website actually credits Iowa with the idea "*...**Big Talk From Small Libraries** was inspired by Iowa's Innovative Libraries Online Conference; our event wouldn't exist without their advice and encouragement...*"

From their website: "*...This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! All of our speakers are from small libraries – public, university, and schools. Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small your library. But if your library serves a few hundred to a few thousand people, this is the day for you!*"

A handful of breakout sessions show here, find lots more on the **Big Talk From Small Libraries** site, along with registration:

- Best Small Library in America Award Winner 2019—Bisbee, Arizona
- Fitness, Food, and Fun with Seniors
- Wizards, Jedi, Gamers—Oh My! Library Con on a Limited Budget
- We Need Each Other: Partnering with Local Organizations to Benefit Youth

**Big Talk From Small Libraries** is broadcast online using the GoToWebinar software. GoToWebinar works on Windows, Mac, Google Chrome OS, Linux, iOS and Android devices. Login instructions will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Like Iowa's **ILOC** event, Nebraska does plan on recording all **Big Talk** sessions, with recordings posted to their conference website. You do not need to register for the conference to access the recordings.

Join Big Talk From Small Libraries Conference !



### Renew Participation in BRIDGES

By March 31<sup>st</sup>, all current **BRIDGES** libraries need to renew their participation in this statewide eBook / audiobook consortium. Current **BRIDGES** members must complete and return a “**Letter of Agreement**” in order to renew their subscription. These are the steps:

- Find the **BRIDGES** Letter of Agreement at the State Library's website--click below
- From the left-hand menu, choose **MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS**
- Choose **LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR CURRENT MEMBERS FY2021**
- Complete the form and return it to the address at the bottom of the form. Note deadline for receipt of the **AGREEMENT** is **March 31, 2020**
- **BRIDGES** member libraries will receive the invoice for their annual subscription in July. Please do not send any payment before you have the invoice in hand and then follow instructions for issuing and mailing your checks.

This is also the time of year for libraries that have not yet joined the **BRIDGES** group to do so. From the same webpage, non-participating libraries must follow the

instructions from the tab **FOR NEW LIBRARIES** and choose **LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARIES JOINING BRIDGES FY2021**. New libraries will also find the annual subscription cost. Note that libraries joining **BRIDGES** for the first time will be assessed a \$400.00 one-time set-up fee in the first year, in addition to the annual subscription. In subsequent years, the cost goes down to the annual fee.

[Find All BRIDGES Info Here](#)

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## Kids First Conference This Spring

**April 6-7 in Ames**

With spring right around the corner (hopefully!) so too is the **Kids First Conference**, coming up **April 6-7** at the **Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames**. **Kids First** is a two-day



conference all about youth services—for youth services staff. Expect award-winning keynote speakers, breakout sessions from practicing librarians, and a chance to network with other youth services specialists from all across Iowa. All while earning continuing education credit.

### Keynote Speakers:

**Award-Winning Author and Illustrator Don Tate:** He grew up in Des Moines and today is an award-winning illustrator of numerous critically acclaimed children's books for children including No Small Potatoes: Junios G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas; Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions; Hope's Gift, and many others.

**Award-winning writer Isabel Quintero:** She is an award-winning writer and the daughter of Mexican immigrants. Her first YA novel—Gabi, a Girl in Pieces—received multiple awards including a California Book Award Gold Medal and the Morris Award for Debut YA Novel.

**Award-winning Writer and Educator Dr. Dawn Quigley:** She is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe in North Dakota and an assistant professor in the Education Department at St. Catherine University. She taught English and reading for 18 years in K-12 schools, along with being an Indian Education program co-director.

### Registration Information:

- Attendees can opt to attend the full two-day conference for \$125.00 (\$95.00 for presenters) Breakfast and lunch is provided both days. **OR** opt to attend the first day on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> or the second day on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost for one-day attendance is \$75.00 (\$65.00 for speakers)

- Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog. But please note: payment is due prior to the conference. Until payment is received, your registration status will indicate “PENDING APPROVAL.” Mail your registration fee to:

**State Library of Iowa**  
**Attention Samantha Berch**  
**1112 East Grand Avenue**  
**Des Moines, IA 50319**

- The last day to register is March 27; cancel by March 20 to receive a full refund. Find all details in the C.E. Catalog; contact Angie Manfredi with questions [angie.manfredi@iowa.gov](mailto:angie.manfredi@iowa.gov)

**Register for Kids First Conference !**

## This Week:



### Reminder to everyone registered:

The first ***Big Ideas Book Discussion*** for 2020

happens this **Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> (9:30-11:00AM)** The book up for discussion is The

Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading

Aloud in the Age of Distraction by Meghan Cox Gurdon. A writer for the Wall Street journal, Gurdon looks at how “reading aloud makes adults and children smarter, happier, healthier, more successful, and more closely attached, even as technology pulls in the other direction.” ***Big Ideas*** provides an assortment of titles for nonfiction readers, aiding in collection development and leading to good choices for local book discussion groups.

### Reminder to everyone registered:

Three on-site **Summer Library Program Workshops** take place this week:

- Monday Feb 17 @ Avoca—Green Hills AEA building
- Tuesday Feb 18 @ Orange City Public Library
- Wednesday Feb 19 @ Clear Lake Public Library

This interactive workshop will discuss this summer’s theme ***Imagine Your Story***.

**Remember to bring an example of one of your favorite summer successes.**

This will be your opportunity to network and learn from each other. Among your “show-and-tell” items could be

- Two books and a craft that were your biggest story time successes
- An activity that made your family night a huge hit

- Your redesigned reading log or calendar that everyone raved about all summer



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