

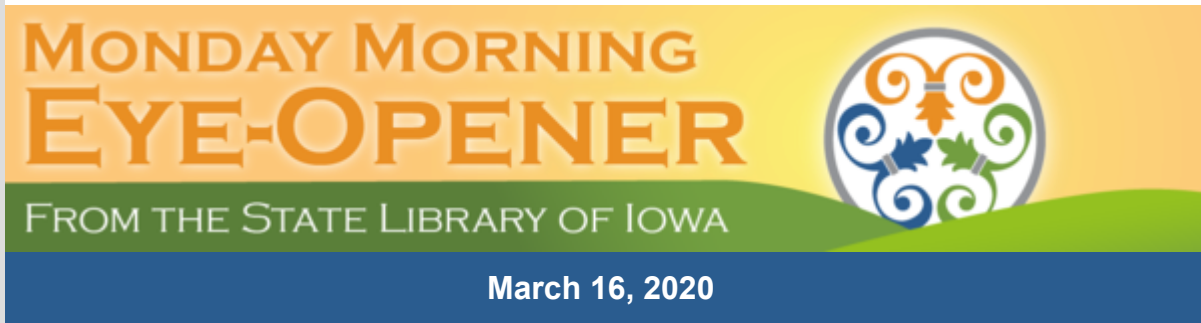


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Changes to Kids First Conference 2020

In case some *Eye-Opener* readers did not see this announcement last week, it bears repeating here. State Library administration has made the decision to transition the in-person **Kids First Conference April 6-7** to an online-only event—same dates. This is being done out of an abundance of caution to lessen the chance of spreading the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Kids First 2020—Moving Online and Now Free

The same keynote speakers are expected to headline; Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi will be working with the other session presenters to move their presentations to an online format. As a result, the preliminary schedule we were set to announce this week will be delayed while we confirm with presenters.

The **Kids First Virtual Conference** will be offered through Zoom, the same platform used for all State Library online continuing education. Plans are to record concurrent sessions and make them available for later viewing. We are pleased we can still offer this conference, just in a virtual environment, and we're confident that attendees will still receive inspiring and educational content. Also know that plans

are already underway to schedule an in-person event for Iowa youth librarians in Spring 2021.

Registrations & Payments

Librarians who have registered and already submitted payment will be issued refunds; please be patient as we figure out the refund process with State accounting staff. Librarians whose registrations were pending approval will be automatically approved and payment should not be sent. Registered attendees may receive an automated email generated by the CE Catalog once the payment requirement is removed. **You do not have to re-register for the virtual conference.** However, do remember to your hotel reservations--do so by calling the Gateway Hotel at 515-292-8600.

If you're interested in attending Kids First 2020 Online and have not yet registered, registration is open now!

[Register for Kids First Virtual Conference](#)

Questions or Concerns?

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work on this transition. The health and safety of you and our communities is most important, please know that we're following the guidelines of state public health and government officials in making this decision.

- Contact [Angie Manfredi](#) for *Kids First Conference* or youth services questions
- Contact [Samantha Bouwers](#) for CE Catalog or registration questions



Resources for Iowa Libraries

With the COVID-19 Coronavirus officially classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, libraries should be preparing to take steps to slow the spread and help combat misinformation about the virus.

The administration at the State Library is listening to public health and government officials for guidance on Coronavirus. At this writing, some libraries are closing to

the public, some are curtailing hours, offering curbside service, extending loan periods, and other measures.

Best advice is to follow the recommendations of local government officials. The State Library is recommending that libraries implement the following steps:

- Strongly consider canceling, postponing, or rescheduling nonessential program events
- Suspend meeting room reservations
- Suspend your SILO-ILL account if your library closes
- Report your library closure to Mobius-Stat Courier (IAShares) <https://stat-courier.com/mobius/>
- Promote the library's online, ebook, and audiobook resources to patrons
- Make hand sanitizer available at all public service locations
- Post signage and flyers from reputable sources in public areas
- Step up disinfection and cleaning of surfaces
- Remove toys, Legos, puzzles, games, and fabric or soft items from children's areas

We will do our best to communicate any changes to the above recommendations. Below are additional helpful resources on Coronavirus to browse and add to your websites

General Resources on Coronavirus

- [Official CDC Coronavirus Website](#)
- [Iowa Department of Public Health Coronavirus Website](#)

Resources for Communicating to the Public

- [CDC Coronavirus Communications Resources](#)
- [Libraries and Accurate Information about The Coronavirus from Libraries 2020](#)
- [NPR Coronavirus Comic for Kids](#)

Other Resources for Libraries

- [Library 2.0 Free Webinar on Coronavirus on March 26](#)
 - [ALA Pandemic Preparedness](#)
 - [EveryLibrary Resources for Libraries on Coronavirus](#)
 - [American Libraries: Libraries and Pandemic Preparedness](#)
 - [Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness for Wisconsin Public Libraries](#)
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Director Roundtables 2020



Coming in May Statewide

It's time to turn the calendars ahead to May and make plans to attend one of many **Director Roundtables** around the state. This spring, **Director Roundtables** will follow our overall education theme for 2020—**Project Management**.

Project management is not just about overseeing big things like a new building or extensive remodeling. It's also about staying on top of smaller tasks, those seemingly endless to-do lists. From working with teams to using collaboration software, we'll demonstrate ways to stay on top of projects large and small. And we hope you'll share "staying organized" tips that work best for you. **Director Roundtables** are expected to touch on these topics:

- Prepping for accreditation
- Developing better long-range plans
- Using password management software
- Using collaboration software
- Reviewing project management ideas from ILOC 2020

Times will vary from place-to-place, but all **Director Roundtables** are awarded 3 C.E. credits. At this writing, Roundtables are still expected to take place in-person. We will announce any changes to these plans if any changes are warranted.

[Register for Director Roundtables 2020 !](#)

Next Week:



Looking Ahead to Next Week's Online Action

March 26 = Pop YS LIVE (1:00-2:00PM) Guest speaker Stephanie Dross (RDN, LD, Education Program Consultant from the Iowa Department of Education) will discuss a special partnership

opportunity with Iowa's libraries. As a valuable community resource, you can nourish kids' minds and bodies! Join this session to learn more about the summer food

service program, including eligibility requirements, how to navigate site licensing, and next steps to get started.

March 27 = Friday Tech Focus (9:30-10:00AM) Join us on regular Fridays to learn about a new tech or web tool, and discuss how it might be used in a library setting. We'll also show a "library-ish" mobile app and invite others to share their favorite app. Perfect for the busy librarian! Spend 30 minutes learning about a new tool, then stay for informal discussion if you have time.

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