



May 2020

## Featured Events

### Crisis Response Conversation: De-Stressing in Stressful Times

Thursday, May 28 | 1:00-2:00 PM



In this week's Crisis Response Conversation, we'll look at some simple, yet effective, ways to help reduce stress. Real-life examples and practical suggestions, including tips from ALA's Office for Human Resource Development & Recruitment, will be discussed. As always, we'll spend half our time hearing from each other to learn what other Iowa librarians have been doing to control the additional stress we're all feeling right now.

This is the last Crisis Response Conversation we are planning. Your [District Consultant](#) is always available to answer questions you might have about reopening and beyond! You can also view recordings of past Crisis Response Conversations on the State Library of Iowa's [Coronavirus Guidance for Iowa Libraries](#) page.

[Register for De-Stressing in Stressful Times](#)



### Providing Financial Literacy in Uncertain Times

Thursday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Now, more than ever, managing money and being financially literate are critical skills for every adult – young or old. Eyeing a big divot in their retirement accounts, lack of an emergency fund and the tumbling stock market, many people now fear a lingering recession, permanent layoffs, business closures, and the ability to retire “okay” as the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic puts the brakes on the U.S. economy. This is the perfect time for librarians to be front-line financial educators – we have “reference savvy,” access to unbiased and educational tools, and a willingness to help be a counterbalance to high-pressure salespeople who may not share all the facts for good financial decision making.

This webinar focuses on how librarians can step in to help patrons, even if the library is also pinching pennies and under a budget crunch. It will cover free/low-cost resources librarians can use, as well as these topics: budgeting, boosting credit scores, identifying/avoiding financial fraud, investing resources to trust, and planning for retirement now.

Joanne Kuster is an Iowa entrepreneur, author, and speaker who creates content and products for national organizations. A well-known financial educator, Joanne brought Money Smart Week to Iowa and led that statewide initiative for the Federal Reserve. Find her financial tips and stories at [MoneygodmotherBlog.com](#) and [RootandBloomforever.com](#).

## More Upcoming Opportunities



### Big Ideas Book Discussion Friday, May 29, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This month, our Big Ideas Book Discussion is *Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen* (2020) by Dan Heath. **Plan to have access to your computer's microphone so you can visit with fellow attendees in small group discussions!**

Register for the Big Ideas Book Discussion



### Deciphering Information in a Misinformation Culture Tuesday, June 9, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

It's important that your patrons are able to identify and access reliable sources for information -- especially with so many important topics such as health, economy, employment, and elections on everyone's minds. This webinar will provide you with information you can pass along to your library users to make them more information-

media-, and digital-literate.

Register for "Deciphering Information..."

## Featured Recorded Webinar

### Friday Tech Focus: Asana

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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" (i.e., might be useful to librarians) mobile app and invite others to share their favorite app.

This month's topic is **Asana**: <https://asana.com/>

Perfect for the busy librarian! Spend 30 minutes learning about a new tool, then stay for informal discussion if you have time.

Original airdate: March 27, 2020

View March's Friday Tech Focus

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