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Monday Morning Eye-Opener June 29, 2020

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School Library Journal is hosting this year's "**Teen Live**" online event on **August 5**. This is a free daylong virtual conference featuring well-known and new-on-the-scene YA authors talking about their newest books for teens. Attendees will also have the chance to hear from YA librarians who are tackling timely issues relevant to teenagers and teen services.

From **SLJ Teen Live** website: "...*Young adult fiction has always been about finding and raising your voice. Like Greta Thunberg and Emma González, real teenagers and activists around the world are making themselves heard, at home and abroad. This year, many teens will vote for the first time. Many will miss out on common milestones such as prom, graduation, and campus visits, so it's especially important to listen to their needs. As adults, it's also important that we amplify young voices inside our communities. Author panels and library programming sessions will help you support and engage teens during this complex moment and beyond...*"

Things get underway at 9:00AM CST **with the opening keynote speaker:** Yusef Salaam was just fifteen years old when his life was forever changed by being wrongly convicted in the Central Park Jogger case, along with four other boys who

are now known as the "Exonerated Five." [Punching the Air](#) is Salaam's novel in verse, co-written with bestselling author Ibi Zoboi, about a Muslim boy who is wrongly incarcerated for a crime he did not commit.

More Sessions on the Schedule

- Panel discussion "Reclaiming the American Experience"
- Panel discussion "BeTween: Books for Young Teens"
- Combating Misinformation and Building Verification Skills
- Rethinking, Retelling: A New Spin on Fairy Tales, Classics, and Myths

The day's programming continues through 3:45PM CST, complete with a virtual exhibit hall. Registration includes access to the **SLJTeen Live!** on-demand archives for up to three months. Visit **School Library Journal's Teen Live** conference site at the button below for a look at the YA authors who will be speaking, full day details, and registration. **It's all FREE!**

SLJ Teen Live 2020

Prepping For Accreditation Returns

8-Part Series Begins in July

If your library is in the next accreditation cycle, then February 2021 is the time to submit your accreditation application and corresponding paperwork. There's ample time to discuss the accreditation process and learn more about what's required—well in advance of the deadline—thanks to our returning "**Prepping For Accreditation**" series.

Returning in July, this year our monthly online sessions will run from July through January. District Consultants facilitate, focusing on specific standards like strategic planning, required policies, the ADA Checklist, board education, and more. We'll have material prepared, but these sessions are largely designed for conversation and Q&A, in a format similar to District Office Hours.

While intended for libraries in the next accreditation cycle (those reporting in February 2021) these sessions will also be valuable for all other libraries wanting to increase their Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2. These meetings will be equally helpful for newly hired directors, certainly any library board members are welcome to attend.

We'll get started on **Thursday July 9** by looking at the **city-library ordinance**. Programs will then continue on the second Thursday each month through January



2021 (10:00-11:00AM each time) There are two sessions planned for January to put more time between the last session and the February 28 filing deadline.

Schedule & Topics

July 9: City-Library Ordinance

August 13: Planning Part 1 Demographics and Community Data

September 10: Planning Part 2 Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives

October 8: Board-related Standards

November 12: The ADA Checklist

December 10: Personnel Standards

January 14: Policy Standards.

January 28: Application Submission Process

This is the link to the ZOOM Room we'll use each time <https://zoom.us/j/450969235> Plan for one hour, although the length may vary from month-to-month depending on the number of attendees and the number of questions. Because these are consulting sessions, not intended as workshops, c.e. credit will not be awarded; no advance registration is necessary. While there is no c.e. credit, we do intend to record each session and add the recordings to the State Library's accreditation webpage.

Again: if your library is in the next accreditation cycle—or if you plan to increase your Tier status from 0-1-2-3—then plan to participate in this returning series “Prepping For Accreditation.”

Preview Annual Survey FY2020



COVID-Related Questions Added This Year

State Library Consultant Scott Dermont has this news about the upcoming **FY2020 Annual Survey**. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic and its impact on library service, the IMLS (Institute for Museum and Library Services) has arrived at COVID-related questions to be added to the **FY20 Survey**. IMLS is the federal agency responsible for national data collection and the agency that oversees the majority of questions put forward on the annual survey.

Scott writes: *“I understand that you may not have kept all of the data that we may be asking for. In cases where you don’t have data, it is acceptable to answer with N/A indicating that the data is unavailable. If you did not provide a service listed, then the appropriate answer will be 0. If you are unsure about one of the Yes/No questions, you can leave it unanswered, meaning the same as N/A. Full*

instructions for all of the new questions will be in the final survey document. Please consider the questions that follow to be a working draft...

This space doesn't allow for inclusion of all the new annual survey questions.

However,

last week, we sent a bulletin to the Public Library Director's group which included a full iteration of questions and definitions. For today, **here is a sampling of just some of the COVID-related questions to look for in the FY2020 Annual Survey:**

COVID19 Programming Questions Added to the Survey

- *Did the library provide live, virtual programs via the Internet during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *How many live, virtual programs did the library provide for FY20? – These counts will be added into our normal programming counts. Do not count recordings of program content here. Survey questions will include:*
 - Number of live, virtual programs for children
 - Number of live, virtual programs for young adults
 - Number of live, virtual programs for families / adults / etc
 - Attendance of live, virtual programs for children
 - Attendance of live, virtual programs for young adults
 - Attendance of live, virtual programs for families / adults / etc.
- *Did the library create and provide recordings of program content via the Internet during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*

Other COVID19 Related Questions Added This Year

- *Were any of the library's outlets physically closed to the public for any period of time due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *Did library staff continue to provide services to the public during any portion of the period when the building was physically closed to the public due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *Did the library add or increase access to electronic collection materials due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *Did the library allow users to complete registration for library cards online without having to come to the library during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *Did the library provide reference service via the Internet or telephone during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*
- *Did the library provide 'outside' (curbside) service for circulation of physical materials at one or more outlets during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?" (YES/NO)*

- *Did the library intentionally provide access to Wi-Fi Internet access to users outside the building at one or more outlets during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? (YES/NO)*

Scott plans for the **Annual Survey** to be ready in August, with the **usual filing deadline set for October 31**...he's happy to take questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov

This Week



Direct State Aid Funding

In normal years, June 30 is the deadline for spending Direct State Aid funding. However, due to the Coronavirus disruptions and public library closings, the State Library has lifted the requirement to spend **DSA** funds by June 30. Now, if you already have spent your library's share of **Direct State Aid** money by now, that's great. But if not, there will be no penalties from the State Library's perspective. Just don't forget about this revenue source in your budget and be ready to report on what you purchased with DSA funds by July 31.

NOTE: several weeks ago, we urged library directors to confirm with city managers / city clerks whether or not the library could carry over its DSA money, allowing it to be spent in July. If you have not already done so, please confirm that locally. Contact Scott Dermont with questions.

District Office Hours

District Office Hours continue throughout the summer, but note: each district has arrived at a new schedule moving into the summer months. In all cases, these remain casual conversations, a nice way to stay connected and share common experiences and questions. Because days and times vary, simply contact your District Office for your area information.

[Contact Us](#)

July 4th Holiday

Time flies...it's nearly the July 4th weekend! With July 4th falling on Saturday, state agencies observe Friday as the holiday. So State Library offices will be closed this Friday July 3rd. Cheers to a safe and fun holiday weekend!



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