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ILOC Conference January 21, 2021

Save The Date!

Planning is underway for our annual **ILOC conference**, coming on **January 21, 2021**.

ILOC stands for **Innovative Libraries Online**

Conference, an annual all-day virtual event, still

going strong after 10 years. So today this article urging you to save the date and to consider joining the conference as a speaker.



The 2021 theme will be **“Equity, Diversity, Inclusion.”** This year, the **ILOC Conference** will give librarians practical ideas and examples of how to bring diverse voices to the table and create library spaces that are welcoming to all. From building balanced collections on opposing viewpoints to planning more diverse programming, we’re looking for sessions that will speak to a theme of equity and inclusion.

In keeping with this theme, here are some ideas to spark your thinking about possible topics—with you or someone you know as a speaker!

- Recruiting diverse speakers for programs
- Library services now & in the future (service beyond the pandemic)
- Providing bilingual services
- Serving immigrant populations
- Addressing building accessibility
- Hiring practices and board recruitment

Coming soon—a Call for Presenters. The form isn’t ready yet, just know that interested speakers must submit their proposal by **November 20**; selected speakers will be notified by **December 7**.

Additional Information

- Presentations need to be **45 minutes in length, which** allows time for introductions and Q&A during the session. Presentations may be done solo or as a panel; however we recommend that no more than three people participate in any one panel.
- Presentations should be adaptable for use in libraries of all sizes
- If accepted, proposals will need to be presented online in a ZOOM Room; using PowerPoint, Prezi, or similar presentation software is required. Presenters have access to ZOOM's "Share My Desktop" feature which enables sharing a website or Word document in addition to their slides.
- An online dress rehearsal will be required of everyone selected as presenters. Dress rehearsals will be arranged by the ILOC Team member assigned to you.
- Presenters must agree to be available the entire day of January 21, 2021, have good Internet and computer connectivity, have a headset with microphone, and ideally have access to quiet space within an office or study room.
- Presenters receive no compensation for speaking, but they will receive 2 CE credits for each presentation given.

**More to come, for now save the date ...
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November Display Ideas



Thanksgiving and More ...

Thanksgiving is a natural for display tables in November. But here are some other ideas for library displays, social media posts, or websites. November is also known for

American Education Week November 16-20. Here's an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every student receives a quality education. This year has been especially challenging for educators, so acknowledging their teaching efforts in the midst of a pandemic is timely and sure to be appreciated.

Each day of the week has its own theme to celebrate the public school community, everyone from bus drivers and classroom teachers to cafeteria workers and administrative staff. Find those daily ideas on the [AEW website](#)

National Adoption Month: First proclaimed as Adoption Week in 1976 by then Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, President Ronald Regan proclaimed it a national week in 1984. President Bill Clinton named November National Adoption Month in 1998.

National Diabetes Month: Founded by the American Diabetes Association, this effort focuses attention on the growing cost of diabetes. From the physical, emotional, and social effects to financial and damaging health, diabetes impacts more than 30 million people in the United States.

Military Family Month: This observance recognizes the commitment and dedication that family members offer to all in military service. The Armed Services YMCA, along with the U.S. Government, established Military Family Month in 1996 by expanding Military Family Week.

National Gratitude Month: Research has shown that gratitude can enhance our moods, decrease stress, and drastically improve the overall level of health and wellbeing. On average, grateful people tend to have fewer stress-related illnesses and experience less depression and lower blood pressure; they are more physically fit, have more satisfying personal and professional relationships. Grateful kids are even more likely to get A's in school.

Edge Classes In December



"Edge Insights Into Action" December 3rd and 10th

The State Library is sponsoring two classes intended to help public library staff examine the results of their Edge Assessment and make the best use of those results. There are two online sessions in this series titled "***Edge Insights Into Action***" and attendance at both sessions is required of staff who choose to participate.

Note: in a departure from most State Library webinars, this two-part course will not be recorded for later viewing. **Registration is limited and please note this: you must first complete the Edge 2.0 Assessment for your library before your registration will be approved.** That's a needed first step, as class instruction depends on participants having the results of their Edge Assessment at hand.

Schedule

December 3, 2020 == 1:00-2:00PM

AND December 10, 2020 == 1:00-2:00PM

[Register In IALearn](#)

Class Description

The ***Edge Insights to Action*** online workshop will help your library leverage its Edge data and resources to advance your digital inclusion leadership. Given the pandemic, digital access and the digital resources your library offers have never been more important to keep your community connected and healthy. Developing actionable, data-informed plans is key to making change.

This new interactive workshop format spans two weeks, including two hour-long live discussions via Zoom, open office hours, and resources and exercises before and after each live discussion. Topics covered each week will be:

- Data Collection and Analysis
- Developing Digital Inclusion Goals

Again, this two-part instructional class depends on your having completed the Edge 2.0 Assessment for your library. That's an important first step, the button below takes to the Edge 2.0 website to get started.

[EDGE 2.0 Account Set-Up and Login](#)

This Week ...



Prepping For Accreditation Continues

Our *“Prepping for Accreditation”* series continues this **Thursday October 12** with a look at the **ADA Checklist**. (10:00-11:00AM) These are consulting sessions, available to all public libraries in the next accreditation cycle (February 2021) Because these are intended as consulting sessions, c.e. credit is not awarded. No advance registration is necessary, here's the ZOOM Room link <https://zoom.us/j/450969235>

All Iowa Reads 2021 Titles To Be Announced On Thursday

Iowa Public Radio is set to announce all three 2021 All Iowa Reads titles—the adult book, the teen choice, and the children's All Iowa Reads book. The announcement will be made LIVE this **Thursday November 12** (10:00AM) on Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa program. This will be the second year that the new All Iowa Reads titles have been announced on the Talk of Iowa program. Listeners can stream the program live at www.iowapublicradio.org or tune in to their local IPR station on the radio: [find an IPR station. 1](#)

The Boardroom 2020

The fifth and final installment in the *Boardroom 2020* series centers on recruiting new board members when there are vacancies to fill. Throughout this year's series, the *Boardroom* webinars brought in concepts from a variety of books, as we connected the books' ideas to the business of library boards.

Striving for diversity on public library boards is a necessary goal. Knowing that diversity takes many shapes, library boards should be determined to bring on men as well as women, to engage young people as well as seniors, and to reach out to

all ethnicities. Pledging greater diversity on library boards demands more deliberate planning. Join this conversation for take-away ideas to strengthen your library board recruitment process. And answer the question “who are you looking for?” The material for this session will be based on the book [The Ones We've Been Waiting For](#) (c2020) by Charlotte Alter, a new book about the millennial generation.

There is no obligation to read the book prior to the program. Attendance: at this webinar helps satisfy standard #8 “...all members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year...”

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/6thed.pdf>

Register Today !

Veterans' Day Holiday

This Wednesday **November 11** is Veterans' Day and a state holiday.

All State Library offices will be closed, back on Thursday...



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