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Trustee Training Opportunity: Innovative Libraries Online Conference Jan. 21

Libraries are for Everyone! Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Action in Iowa's Libraries

You are invited to the annual Innovative Libraries Online Conference (ILOC) on Thursday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This FREE online conference offers keynote speakers, informative sessions, and an evening session for trustees—all online. The conference replicates an “in-person” experience without registration fees or travel costs.



About the Conference Theme

As the United States continues to reconcile racial injustice and other types of inequality, libraries also work to ensure that their spaces, programs, and services are inclusive for all patrons and staff. This year, ILOC will give librarians practical ideas and examples of how they can bring diverse voices to the table and become a place that is welcoming to all. From building balanced collections on opposing viewpoints to planning more diverse programming, we're planning sessions that will speak to a theme of equity and inclusion.

Evening Keynote

Advocates of All Ages: Recruiting and Retaining Younger Boards, Friend Groups, and Foundations

The evening keynote session for trustees will be presented by Madeline Jarvis, Programming Manager at the Marion Public Library; and Tess Wilson, Community Engagement Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Mid Atlantic Region. If Millennials use their public libraries more than any other adult generation (Pew 2017) why do the majority of library boards and advocacy groups not have a single Millennial member (ALA 2018)? Learn practical strategies to recruit and retain all ages in your community.

We hope you'll join us all day, or in the evening for this informational and inspiring learning opportunity. **No need to preregister, click the 2021 ILOC Schedule link below for the full agenda and links to the virtual conference room.** Plan on logging in about 10 minutes before the session begins and be prepared to enter the password **ILOC** when prompted. (Please note: Zoom, the web conference software used, may require you to download a small software client after clicking the link to access the conference.)

[2021 ILOC Schedule and Webinar Links](#)

Finally, on behalf of State Librarian Michael Scott and all Iowa libraries, thank you for the work you do as a library trustee.

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