

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 22, 2021

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

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### Amazing Iowa Women ...



#### Now as a Traveling Exhibit

Thanks to Roslin Thompson with Knoxville Public Library, we've learned of a traveling exhibit available to Iowa's libraries. The exhibit promotes the book [Amazing Iowa Women](#), written by Professor Katy Swalwell at Iowa State University and illustrated by various Iowa women artists.

The traveling exhibit consists of 14 large two-sided retractable vinyl banners, banner stands, carrying cases, and a storage bin. In addition, the exhibit includes free supplemental curriculum and QR codes for an educational interactive viewing experience. The photo at left depicts one of the posters in Knoxville's display.

Roslin Thompson writes *"The standing posters are double-sided and easy to set up, although a library booking this exhibit will need to consider the available space to display it. Our Friends group generously donated 50 copies of the book which they purchased from RayGun (50% discount when bought wholesale) We give them out when patrons complete an activity sheet designed by staff..."*

[Amazing Iowa Women](#) is a children's book, a compilation of largely unsung women who made impressive societal contributions throughout the state's history. If you are interested in reserving the exhibit, contact Katy Swalwell [katswalwell@gmail.com](mailto:katswalwell@gmail.com).

RayGun is a screen printing store with its origins in Des Moines; over the years, the store has expanded into five other locations including Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. RayGun sells clothing and accessories, kitchen items, drinkware and dishware, books, and more. If you haven't yet purchased [Amazing Iowa Women](#), it is available on the [RayGun](#) website and sells for \$20.00

[Learn More About Amazing Iowa Women](#)

## Survey From Iowa Dept of Public Health

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) coordinates a wide variety of programs on different health topics and emerging issues. The State Library and IDPH are exploring a collaborative effort to distribute these health materials and resources to Iowa's libraries.

Toward this end, IDPH has developed a short survey to gather input from Iowa's public libraries. The goal of this survey is to gauge your interest offering resources developed by IDPH within your library, as well as the types of health topics you would be most interested in. Click the link below, thanks in advance for your answers!

### About Public Health

Public Health is a partnership among IDPH, non-profit organizations, health care providers, policymakers, businesses, and many others working together to protect and improve the health of Iowans. Public health strives to improve the quality of life for all Iowans by assuring access to evidence-based population-health programs, services and activities in the following areas:

- Promote healthy living
- Prevent injuries and violence
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Assure access to quality health services
- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Improve and support public health performance
- Prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies

[Take the IDPH Survey](#)

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## "Kernels" Quick Learning

The State Library Education Team is excited to unveil "**Kernels**," a new series of quick training for librarians. **Kernels** serves up bite-sized information on all sorts of library-related topics. An ongoing series of prerecorded videos, each half-hour installment offers an overview of a program, service, or methodology applied in a public library setting.



**Kernels** feature practicing librarians talking about what they've experienced, discovered, and attempted in their work. By recording short videos, they are able to share ideas with colleagues, who can then adapt and apply those ideas in their own library. Staff can earn

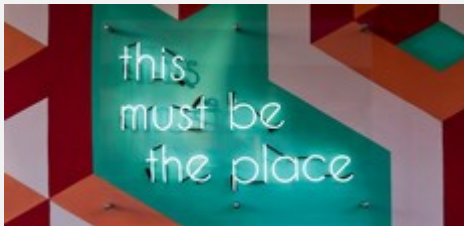
0.5 c.e. credit hours logging into their IALearns account, enrolling in a **Kernels** class, watching a video, and completing the evaluation.

There are currently five **Kernels** available on topics ranging from escape rooms, a cloud library service, storytime in a bag, and more. We hope to release more **Kernels** on a monthly basis. Browse the current topics and bookmark the link below to see future **Kernels Quick Learning from the State Library**

**We need you to help us showcase Iowa library ingenuity, so be sure to let State Library staff know if you have some Kernels to share!**

[Kernels Quick Learning](#)

## This Week Online ...



### Check It Out

**Tuesday February 23: Check It Out** (11:00AM-12:00PM) spotlights the best new books for ages 0-18. Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi presents book talks on the latest titles, it's a big assist in collection development. **Register in IALearns ...**

### BARD Webinar

**Wednesday February 24** (1:00-2:00PM) watch the **BARD webinar: Braille and Audio Reading Download**. In collaboration with the Iowa Library for the Blind, this program provides information about the BARD service, how to register, and how public libraries can promote this and lead patrons to this service. **Register in IALearns ...**

### PLOW Website Instruction

**Also on Wednesday February 24** (2:00-3:00PM) Marie Harms continues instructional sessions on using the new Concrete5 PLOW websites. **Register in IALearns ...**

[IALearns Registration](#)

### Big Talk From Small Libraries

**Friday February 26 (8:45AM—5:00PM)** Nebraska's online conference is called "**Big Talk From Small Libraries**." From their website: "...*This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries—the smaller the better! Each of our speakers is from a library serving fewer than 10,000 people or directly works with small libraries. Topics range from technology to programming ... this event is a great opportunity to learn about the innovative things your colleagues are doing in their small libraries.*"

**Big Talk From Small Libraries** is broadcast online using GoToWebinar software. GoToWebinar works on Windows, Mac, Google Chrome OS, Linux, iOS and Android devices. Login instructions

will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Like Iowa's **ILOC** event, Nebraska does plan on recording all **Big Talk** sessions, with recordings posted to their conference website. You do not need to register for the conference to access the recordings.

Nebraska "Big Talk" Conference Registration

## This Week's Deadlines ...



### Thursday February 25th

Is the last day to file your library's **E-Rate Form 470** in order to allow enough time for the 28-day bidding process to take place. More information about the **E-Rate Program** here [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/e-rate](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/e-rate).

### Sunday February 28th

Is the deadline for all public libraries to apply for **Accreditation OR to report on their Tier level in meeting standards**. This deadline applies to all libraries whose accreditation or Tier Level status expires on **June 30, 2021**. More information about the Standards Program here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards>.

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