



December 2020

Featured Upcoming Events

An Empathy Driven Response To COVID Related Behavior

Thursday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A look at ways we can best support and empathize with our patrons, our colleagues, and ourselves through this stressful time. The past year has been challenging for everyone, patrons included, and we have to be extra mindful of how our interactions can be perceived. This session takes a look at how we can positively and empathetically work with patrons especially when it comes to enforcing new COVID guidelines. We have gathered tips and resources we found useful through this year as we all learn to work with less emotional bandwidth.



Presented by the Waterloo Public Library Adult Services Staff.

[Register for the COVID Behaviors Webinar](#)

Winning At Winter: Outdoor Programming IS Possible!

Tuesday, January 12, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



As COVID continues, winter doldrums settle in, and virtual burnout happens among library staff and patrons, it's time to rethink your library programming--to think not just "outside the box," but to think OUTSIDE!

Join Maryann Mori, Central District Consultant with the State Library, and Noah Lenstra, of "Let's Move in Libraries" fame, for this fun, interactive and encouraging webinar that will recharge your programming and get you and your patrons moving outside this winter. With plenty of good, practical ideas, including examples from Iowa libraries, you're sure to leave this webinar with plenty of programming ideas to carry you through to spring.

[Register for Winning At Winter](#)

More Upcoming Opportunities

Summer 2021 - Preview & Planning



Sessions scheduled Jan. 26, 27, & 28

Come with MICS ON for one of these revamped-for-COVID summer library programming spectacular sessions. This year, we want to make sure you have plenty of opportunity to talk with librarians from around the state of what they're planning for Summer 2021. We know there will be more variables than ever in being able to provide safe & fun summer programming for your community. We've got some ideas, but mostly we want to hear from YOU!

Head to IA Learns & search for "Summer" to see dates & times for all available sessions. We have 4 different sessions planned by library size & YS Focused. We also have a session for adult programming on the books.

[Login to IA Learns \(Search for Summer\)](#)



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All Iowa Reads 2021 Authors & Shortlist Webinars

Author Webinar: January 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

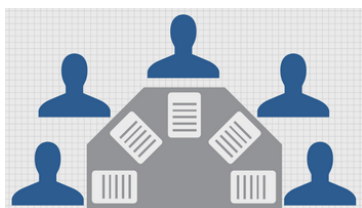
Exploring the Shortlists: February 3, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On January 14, 2021 Join us for an extra-special webinar with the authors of all three 2021 All Iowa Reads selections. Each author will discuss their work and answer your questions. You'll also learn about the history of the All Iowa Reads program and get an overview of the resources available from the State Library to support All Iowa Reads events at your library.

Then, in February, another webinar will introduce you to the 2021 All Iowa Reads shortlists. You'll hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the books on the adult list from Jillian Rutledge, co-chair of the Adult Selection Committee, and for the books on the kids and teen list from Angie Manfredi and get ideas for ways you can spotlight them in your library and your community.

Search for All Iowa Reads in IA Learns to enroll today!

[Login to IA Learns \(Search for All Iowa Reads\)](#)



Boardroom Series 2021: Debuting the New Iowa Library Trustees' Handbook

Thursday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Boardroom 2021 webinar series begins the new year by debuting the newly-revised Iowa Library Trustee's Handbook. With the new handbook front-and-center, we'll share chapter highlights. The third edition of The Iowa Library Trustee's

Handbook c2021 is expected to be published on the State Library's website by mid-January. We did a similar webinar in October, but without the new publication in hand. Attendees will have the opportunity for breakout room discussion. Since 2009, the State Library of Iowa has produced this reference book for public library boards. It has proven to be a reliable and authoritative resource, important reading for newly appointed trustees, equally useful for experienced members. There is no obligation to read the handbook prior to the webinar. Attendance at this program helps satisfy standard #8 "all members of the library board of trustees a participate in a variety of board development training each year.

[Register for the Boardroom Series](#)

Certification Renewal

Time to renew?

Reminder to count those hours & get them submitted to the State Library

While our time has been a bit devoted to getting IA Learns out of the barn, we're now turning our attention to 2020 renewals.

- If you've already submitted your materials, great! Watch for an email from the CE Team and for your certification end date to get updated in IA Learns
- Still need to apply for renewal? No problem. Complete the appropriate form on the State Library website. You'll be asked to submit documentation of your hours. This can be a copy of your IA Learns Transcript OR copies of your paper certificates.

[Renew your Certification Today](#)

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