

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener June 21, 2021

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Happy Summer !

## ARSL 2021 Conference News



### Early Bird Registration Opens in July

Look ahead to July 7 when **Early Bird Registration** opens for the **2021 Conference of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)**. This year's theme is *The Biggest Little Library Conference*. From the event website: *"Our libraries may be small, but our community is mighty. As we come together to share ideas and learn from each other in Reno, the "Biggest Little City," the possibilities are huge."*

This year's conference is scheduled for **October 20-23, 2021** on-site in Sparks, Nevada, a suburb just outside of Reno. For those who can't make the trip, there will also be a virtual component. Those who take advantage of the **Early Bird registration** receive a significant discount; **early registration opens on July 7 and closes on August 17.**

### In-Person Registration Costs

- ARSL Members: Early Bird \$275 | After \$350
- Nonmembers: Early Bird \$350 | After \$425
- Advocates: Early Bird \$225 | After \$275 (*advocates includes library board members, Friends Group members, and volunteers*)

### Virtual Access Registration Costs

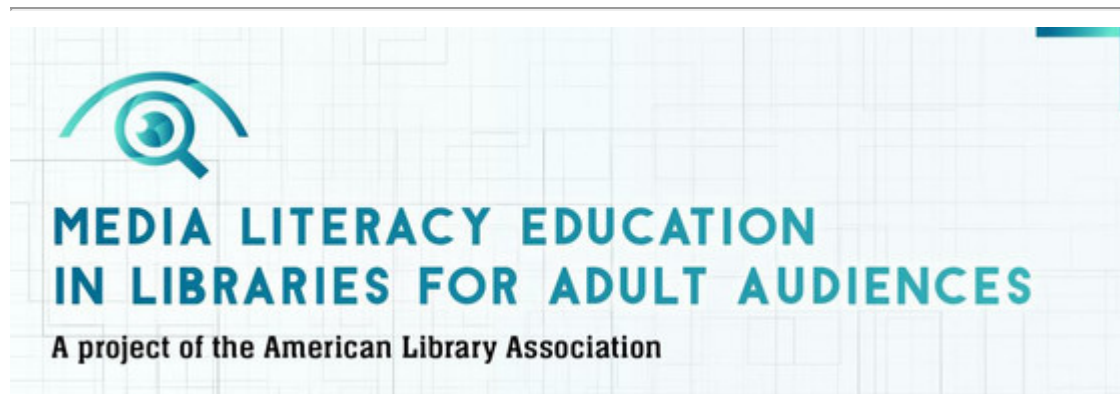
If your schedule doesn't allow for in-person attendance, consider registering for the virtual option. Virtual conference goers can still experience keynote speakers via live streaming, along with a number of live breakout sessions and a selection of watch on-demand sessions. The online options use the Whova conference platform.

- ARSL Members = \$50
- Non-Members and Advocates = \$75

The Nugget Resort in Sparks, NV is the conference hotel. Room rates are \$99.00 per night for single or double occupancy. Find all conference information at the button below.

And take advantage of **Early Bird registration** whether attending in-person or online.

[ARSL 2021 Conference Website](#)



### Adult Programming Opportunity

This discovery is thanks to Maryann Mori, Consultant with the Central District Office. The American Library Association has partnered with a team of librarians and media literacy experts to create a free set of resources for library programming. With these resources, your library can offer programming surrounding adult media literacy.

The project is titled **Media Literacy Education in Libraries for Adult Audiences**, a 16-month project coordinated by ALA and funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Here's a sample of what's available from ALA's website:

- **READ** *"Taking on Fake News: What to Say When Patrons Repeat Things That Just Aren't True."*
- **WATCH** *"Misinformation & Disinformation"* Recorded Feb2021
- **READ** *"Program Ideas for Media Creation and Engagement at Your Library"*
- **WATCH** *"Meeting Patrons Where They Are"* Recorded Jan2021

Find a free booklet to download titled *"Media Literacy in the Library: A Guide for Library Practitioners"* and much more material at the button below.

[ALA & Media Literacy Materials](#)

## ARPA Grant Update

### Apply Soon--Two Weeks Remaining

At this writing, the State Library has received 150 applications for ARPA grants. With two weeks remaining, Iowa public libraries meeting standards at a least a Tier 1 level are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$5,000.00. **Application deadline is July 2nd.**

Project priorities include materials or technology to support digital inclusion efforts, enabling libraries to support education, community health and wellness projects, or



workforce development needs. Grants can also be used as a continued response to the pandemic and to implement public health protocols.

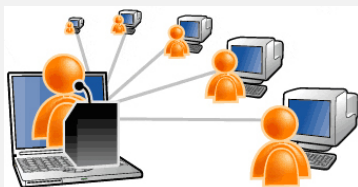
This funding is provided to the State Library through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) These are non-competitive grants and will be handled as a reimbursement; meaning that library-city budgets will need to pay for any of the allowable purchases and the ARPA grant funding will then provide reimbursement.

**Please Note:** If you've submitted a grant application, but haven't heard back yet, please check your email spam / junk folders. Project managers have been able to keep to a quick turn-around time for approving applications. Once approved, you will receive back an **Award Letter** and a **Letter of Agreement**. We have found that this email is landing in spam folders, this has happened to several libraries, so please check that possibility first before calling.

All details, including allowable purchases, frequently asked questions, and the grant application itself is all linked at the button below

[Apply Now For An ARPA Grant](#)

## This Week ...



It's an action-packed week of online learning, tune in to any or all of these programs:

### Check It Out = June 22 (11:00AM-12:00PM)

This webinar series spotlights the best new books for kids ages 0-18. Angie Manfredi presents booktalks on the latest titles, helping with collection development and leading to great purchases for the youth collection.

### IALearns—Ask Me Anything = June 22 (2:00-3:00PM)

Everything you want to know about IA Learns but haven't asked about yet. Continuing Education Consultant Samantha Bouwers takes your questions as she walks through an IALearns how-to, demonstrating resolutions to common issues. Attendees can submit question ahead of time by using this form <https://forms.gle/L86sc769KRSHQyG28> View all submitted questions here <https://bit.ly/3f4xgnv>

### Audio Books = June 23 (1:00-2:00PM)

The State Library's partnership with the Iowa Department for the Blind and Print Disabled continues with another webinar this month. This time, Dept for the Blind staff relay information about audiobooks in the library's collection, plus a look at their digital players and an explanation of BARD--Braille and Audio Reading Download. Presenters will also explain the services that the Dept for the Blind can provide in producing audio content.

### Collection Conversations: Building Better Adult Collections = June 25 (11:00AM-12:00PM)

Want a fresh perspective on collection development that isn't trying to sell you something? Need advice about hard-to-develop categories in your adult collection? Hear from in-practice librarians, special guests, and State Library Consultant Maryann Mori as they explore tools, topics and trends of adult collection development. This month: romance novels.

[Find These Classes in IALearn](#)



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