



August 2021

Editor's note: the correct spelling of our Fall speaker's name is "Bryce Kozla". This update also corrects the dates & times for

- ["Fine-Free Libraries"](#) (Correct: Thursday, August 26, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
- ["Collection Conversations"](#) (Correct: Friday, August 27, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

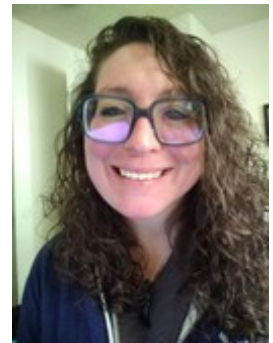
Fall Speaker: Bryce Kozla

2 courses with Disability Rights Speaker

Inspirations, Burdens, and Other Lies: The Disability Community in the Library

Thursday, September 2, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A welcoming and accessible environment for people with disabilities is crucial to ensure that libraries are truly for everyone; however, the dominant societal narrative tells us lies about disability that can keep us from fully embracing and prioritizing people with disabilities in our work. This webinar will help participants examine the dominant societal narrative around disability; consider how that can affect our work both at individual and organizational levels; and become empowered to advocate for the disability community in their library.



[Register for Inspirations, Burdens, & Other Lies](#)

Implementing Trauma-Informed Principles in Your Library (Learning Circuit Keynote)

Thursday, September 30, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Trauma-Informed Care started in the healthcare field, but there is a lot to being trauma-informed that can equip libraries to best serve our complex communities. A trauma-informed library is a place where the perspectives of people who have experienced trauma are honored, and one that provides positive spaces, services, and work culture. All the decisions we make are opportunities for retraumatization or healing; so we might as well make them deliberately! Explore the six principles of trauma-informed care, and how we can implement them in libraries.

[Register for Trauma-Informed Principles](#)

About Bryce

Bryce Kozla is a Youth Services Librarian at Washington County Cooperative Library Services in Oregon, and a trained facilitator in Trauma-Informed Oregon's "Foundations of Trauma-Informed Care." The presentations Bryce is giving in September will draw on these resources, other research, and lived experience as a disabled librarian with a background in trauma. You can find Bryce's writings on these topics and more at BryceKozlaBlog.blogspot.com

[More Information about the Learning Circuit](#)



HelpNow by Brainfuse: Front-End Staff Training

September 13-22, various times

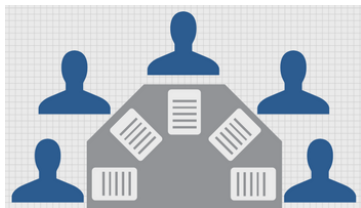
Brainfuse's HelpNow training webinar for Front Line Staff will cover all features available to patrons of

Iowa Libraries. This includes live tutoring services; asynchronous tutoring features such as the Writing Lab and Send Question Center; the SkillSurfer online content library; and other academic, interactive tools to assist your users with their learning needs. We will also demonstrate Brainfuse's account features, available to patrons who elect to register an optional, free Brainfuse HelpNow account when accessing the services. Time will be allotted at the end of the demonstration for audience questions.

At the end of this webinar, library staff will feel equipped to talk about Brainfuse HelpNow with their patrons, support learners using HelpNow, and know who to contact if they don't know the answer to something.

[Register for a HelpNow Training](#)

More Upcoming Opportunities



Boardroom Series 2021: It's Great to Collaborate

Tuesday, August 24, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The third installment in The Boardroom 2021 series is "It's Great to Collaborate!" This year's Boardroom webinars bring in concepts from a variety of books, as we connect the books' ideas to the business of library boards.

It's Great to Collaborate! points to the success that comes from fostering partnerships to advance projects. Considering logical partners within easy reach—like Friends Groups, other city departments, other libraries—this session looks at how library boards can help accomplish library goals—and even larger community goals—through collaboration.

[Register for Boardroom 2021](#)



Universal Design for Learning

Wednesday, August 25, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In collaboration with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Information about Universal Design in Learning and how it can be used by libraries to ensure accessibility

[Register for Universal Design for Learning](#)



Fine-Free Libraries

Thursday, August 26, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There's a trend in libraries across the country that's picking up in popularity—libraries going fine-free. Important policy discussions are leading many library boards to conclude that traditional overdue fines impose a barrier to library access and, in many cases, acknowledge that fines are not a significant revenue stream. In this panel presentation, directors from four Iowa libraries relay their experience in evolving to a fine-free policy, sharing their board decisions and the outcomes of the policy changes.

[Register for Fine-Free Libraries](#)



Collection Conversations: Nonfiction -- it's more than just cookbooks!

Friday, August 27, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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 we explore tools, topics and trends of adult collection development for your library!

[Register for Collection Conversation](#)

Webinar Archive

Check out these courses recently added to IA Learns:

- [Acting on Input: Focus Groups](#): There is so much to say “yes” to—from tech trends to popular programming—that it's easy for libraries to act on impulse. But the most responsive library services are developed around community input. "Acting on Input" is a three-part series. This first installment looks at gathering community opinion through focus groups, an effective and certainly conversational way to hear people's thoughts about their community and their library. State Library consultants Becky Heil and Bonnie McKewon will share their insight into effectively using local focus groups, including who to invite and how to frame the conversation for best results.
- [Check It Out! July 2021](#): Check It Out! was a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Every month, Angie gave booktalks on the latest titles. Check It Out! gives you collection development ideas and looks at trends in publishing and more. We always have a lot of fun and after every session both your shelves and your TBR list will be full!
- [Technology and Accessibility](#): In collaboration with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, information on what to look for when purchasing new technology for patron use in libraries
- [Public Health Partnerships for Iowa Libraries](#): 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count!, a public-private partnership, cultivates healthy places for Iowa children and families using evidence-based healthy eating and active living approaches. 5-2-1-0 promotes the daily recommendations of 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity and 0 sugary drinks- drink more water.

Evidence has shown that childhood health promotion is most effective when the whole community is on board and libraries are an important community partner in providing information about healthy choices to children and their families.

In this webinar you will learn about the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Counts! resources that are available to you and see examples of how Iowa libraries have encouraged healthy eating, physical activity, and a love of reading.

Presented by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

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