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Education Extravaganza



This Week in Webinars

There's an impressive number of State Library webinars this week leading up to Thanksgiving. So before next week's holiday break, here's a reminder of program options this week. Register for one or all classes, there's plenty here for all audiences, including an evening program for library trustees.

November 16. JobNow/VetNow Webinar. 10:30-11:30AM

Register today for one more Brainfuse webinar covering JobNow / VetNow features available to patrons of Iowa public libraries. This includes demonstrations of **JobNow's Live Career Help** and **VetNow's Veterans' Assistance**. Demos will also include a look at asynchronous expert help services like the **Resume Lab** and **Send Question** center, along with the variety of resources available to job seekers and veterans' programs, including information about veterans' healthcare, housing, education, and more...

November 17. Acting on Input: The Results. 10:00-11:00AM

"Acting on Input" has been a three-part series this fall. Wednesday's third installment looks at how to turn the feedback from focus groups and surveys into action plans. State Library consultants Becky Heil and Bonnie McKewon will share how Iowa libraries acted on community input and offer suggestions on how to communicate notable achievements to the very people who provided the "input" part!

November 17. The Boardroom: The Key to the City. 6:00-7:30PM

With city elections wrapping up in early November and new city officials and/or administrations on the horizon, now is a great time to be thinking about good communication habits between the library board and its partners in city government. Drawing on over 45 years of experience in public administration, Patrick Callahan, of Callahan Municipal Consultants, will highlight best practices for library boards and cities as they work together to better their communities.

We'll be reminded about the library board's role and a city's role in running a library, hear stories from both sides about what contributes to a successful working relationship, and

be encouraged to start good communication habits. This session will be beneficial to communities of all sizes and newly appointed trustees or experienced board members.

November 19. Big Ideas Book Discussion: Rituals Roadmap. 9:30-11:00AM

The fourth and final title in Big Ideas Book Discussions for this year is Rituals Roadmap: The Human Way to Transform Everyday Routines Into Workplace Magic by Erica Keswin (c2021) From the author of Bring Your Human to Work, Keswin's latest book Rituals Roadmap is a guidebook for boosting workplace morale, showing how using workplace rituals can build stronger connections among staff and more enjoyment in their work. So with the holidays just ahead—complete with holiday traditions—this is good timing to talk about traditions in our work lives. We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. And join us for the next good read: Rituals Roadmap.

Register in IALearn



Three Final Virtual Author Visits For 2021

The last three virtual author talks for 2021 are quickly approaching. Each author for the adult, teen, and kids title has one final webinar scheduled before we end this year's **All Iowa Reads** program.

State Library Communications Specialist Emily Bainter has more: “*Each session will feature ½ hour of conversation between the author and a moderator, followed by time for questions from the audience. Learn more about the 2021 All Iowa Reads authors, their works, and their writing process. Please consider sharing the information below with your book discussion groups so we can send the 2021 authors off with a groundswell of support and appreciation from Iowa readers. Fun idea to bring these unique virtual author chats to your local book clubs.*”

Click the dates below to register.

2021 Adult All Iowa Reads = Little Faith by Nickolas Butler

[Monday November 15, 2021 at 6:00PM](#)

2021 Teen All Iowa Reads = Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay

[Thursday December 9, 2021 at 6:00PM](#)

2021 Kids All Iowa Reads = Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai

[Thursday December 2, 2021 at 12:00noon](#)

Early Literacy Calendar For 2022

Download from PLA

The Public Library Association has just released its **2022 Early Literacy Calendar**. Costing \$30.00 through the ALA Online Store (lesser cost for ALA/PLA members) the **Early Literacy Calendar** promotes opportunities for library youth staff and patrons alike to take part in literacy activities all year long.



More from PLA: *“Based on the **Every Child Ready to Read** practices of reading, writing, singing, talking, playing (and now counting) each download contains twelve months of learning activities, book lists, nursery rhymes, and more. On one side is a calendar with a fun skills-building activity for each day. On the flip side, supplementary content like nursery rhymes, early literacy tips, song lyrics, or suggested reading material..”*

The calendar pages are also customizable with each containing a designated spot to add your library’s logo and contact information. This calendar is available for purchase through the [ALA Online Store](#), where you’ll also find Every Child Ready to Read brochures in bundles of 100 to distribute to families. Learn more about the **Every Child Ready to Read** project at the button below

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This Week ...



In addition to all of the classes noted in the first article, there are also two PLOW Website Worktime sessions this week.

PLOW Website Worktime. Wednesday November 17. 2:00-3:00PM. REPEATS Friday November 19. 10:00-11:00AM

This one-hour website worktime features different elements of the new PLOW website Concrete 5, with instruction on how to improve the website appearance. Participants can simply watch or log onto their own website to follow along. Participants can bring questions or problems to the class which will be addressed during the allotted time. Sessions will be recorded.

By the end of the PLOW training session, participants will be able to (1) complete the task on their own website (2) discover new techniques, new content, and new ideas to improve their website (3) overcome problems related to their own website that was preventing them from adding content. Agenda: Administrative, Dashboard and Sitemap, Header and Footer, Images, Calendar and Events, File Manager, Forms, New Pages, and Tabs

NOTE: Friday is a repeat of Wednesday's class.

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