

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 20, 2021

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MONDAY MORNING  
EYE-OPENER  
FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



Merry Christmas!  
December 20, 2021

## ALA Suggest Gifts For Library Lovers



The [ALA Online Store](#) is open for business with suggestions of gifts for library lovers. Now, these books likely won't arrive in time for Christmas, but consider these fun purchases to give in the new year. And your purchase supports the mission of ALA by helping to fund advocacy programs for library professionals worldwide.

[Check This Out: A Coloring Book for Library Lovers](#) *“Inside this book you'll find a variety of coloring pages meant to trigger a smile. And like the items in the library, the pages are arranged according to Dewey Decimal numbers! It makes the perfect gift for your favorite librarians, trustees, or Friends members.”*

[Uncommon Quotes for Library Lovers](#) *“Included are 100 thought-provoking quotes about books, the joy of reading, and intellectual freedom. Read quotes from author Celeste Ng, late night host Stephen Colbert, and inspirational leader Malala Yousafzai—all highlighting the importance and impact of libraries. This diverse collection makes a perfect gift for showing your appreciation to valued colleagues, volunteers, board members, and library staff.”*



[This Journal Is Overdue](#). *“Get your creative juices flowing with this collection of thought-provoking writing prompts specifically for library lovers. More than just a blank book, [This Journal Is Overdue](#) is an invitation to daydream, doodle, and play. Questions can be great ice-breakers for book discussion groups, such as*

- Who is your fictional BFF?

- What three authors would you invite to a fictional dinner party and what would they bring?



## National News Literacy Week

January 24-28, 2022

As you look ahead to the New Year—and think about potential library programming in the New Year—consider recognizing **National News Literacy Week January 24-28, 2022**. **National News Literacy Week** (NNLW) is an annual event sponsored by the News Literacy Project in partnership with E.W. Scripps Company.

**National News Literacy Week** raises awareness of news literacy as an essential life skill and provides educators, students, and the public with easy-to-adopt tools and tips for becoming news-literate. The 2022 them is **“Care Before Your Share.”** The week will include a series of events, including a national NewsLitCamp to help library patrons, students, and community residents become more news-literate in simple and engaging ways. Quizzes and podcasts, resources for teachers and much more at the **News Literacy Project** website—click to learn more.

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NEWS  
LITERACY  
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# FEATURED KEYNOTES

# IOWA LIBRARIES

## Online Conference



*Cindy Fesemyer:  
Community Potlucks  
to City Planning*



*William Ottens:  
Librarian Problems?  
Just Say Yes*



*ALA Libraries Transforming  
Communities:  
Panel Discussion*

### ILOC Conference Keynote Speakers

A new year is right around the corner, which means a new **ILOC Conference** is, too. The **Iowa Libraries Online Conference** is scheduled for **January 20, 2022** following the theme **“Make Room For YES: Overcome Challenges and Take Up New Opportunities.”** This event will have something for everyone, including an evening program for trustees. It's a full day of learning, with three keynote presentations and breakout sessions in between. And it's open for registration at the button below. Today a look at the keynote presentations:

#### Morning Keynote

**From Community Potlucks to City Planning.** Presented by Cindy Fesemyer. Cindy was a newcomer to a small rural community when she took the job as the new library director. During her seven years in that position, she grew from a newbie to a strong community advocate. With some training, strong partnerships, and little bit of fake-it-till-you-make-it, she and her team positioned the library as a go-to resource for the entire community. She shares her experience with community engagement efforts as an example of libraries at the center of small, rural communities.

#### Noon Keynote

**Librarian Problems? Just say Yes!** Presented by William Ottens. Librarians may have 99 problems, but saying yes doesn't have to be one of them. William Ottens, creator of the popular Librarian Problems blog and author of Librarian Tales: Funny, Strange, and Inspiring Dispatches from the Stacks, will share the best, and okay, maybe the worst that can happen when you say “Yes” to out of the box solutions and new ideas. Because, let's be honest: librarians face a lot of solvable problems. William doesn't have solutions to all of them, but when librarians get together and laugh about their problems together, it's a healthy thing.

#### Evening Keynote

**ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Panel Discussion.** Including Cindy Fesemyer and Panel. Small libraries have been community change agents for decades, knowing their patrons well enough to support them in attaining lofty community aspirations. Iowa libraries are full of these change makers. Join Cindy Fesemyer as she facilitates a discussion among library professionals who are taking part in ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Project, which awards up to \$3,000 grants to small and rural libraries. The panel includes Samantha Oakley, director of the LTC program; Laura Damon-Moore, convener of the Central Region LTC Engagement Hub; and Iowa participants in the regional hub.

[Register for ILOC 2022 Today](#)

## Christmas Week News



### Enrich Iowa Funding

As noted in a separate bulletin sent early this morning, all **Enrich Iowa** funding has been disbursed. This represents funding for **Direct State Aid for meeting standards**, also **Open Access** and **ILL Reimbursements**.

From this morning's bulletin: *"Be on the lookout for a letter from the State Library with important information on your library's allocation of **Enrich Iowa** funding. Inside you will find a check for your library's **Enrich Iowa** money OR a letter stating the amount transferred if direct deposit has been set up. If your library receives a paper check, please be sure to deposit it as soon as possible. Enclosed along with the check is a form to set up direct deposit for future disbursements. We **highly recommend setting up direct deposit** to make the process of receiving payments easier and to avoid the added risk of loss or theft of paper checks."*

Contact Linda Choate with questions ([linda.choate1@iowa.gov](mailto:linda.choate1@iowa.gov))

### Youth and STEM. December 22. 1:00-2:00PM

In collaboration with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, this webinar demonstrates the "Scale Up" kits from the Iowa Governors' STEM Council grant as examples of how to make STEM resources and activities accessible. In addition, speakers will share examples of the Department's Makerspace Mondays and STEM & Stories Saturdays activities.

[Register in IALearns](#)

### Prepping For Accreditation. December 28. 10:00-11:00AM

If your library is in the next accreditation cycle, then February 2022 is the time to submit your accreditation application. **This month the topic turns to personnel standards.** Since August, District Consultants have facilitated these information sessions, focusing on specific standards like strategic planning, policies, and board education. We'll have material prepared, but these sessions are largely designed for conversation and Q&A, in a format similar to District Office Hours.

While intended for libraries in the next accreditation cycle (February 2022) these sessions will also be valuable for all other libraries wanting to increase their Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2-3. This series will be equally helpful for newly hired directors, certainly any library board members are welcome to attend. No preregistration necessary; contact your [District Consultant](#) for a link to the Zoom room. Because these are consulting sessions, not intended as workshops, CE credit will not be awarded.

### Christmas Holidays

Because **Christmas** and **New Years** land on the weekend, this year State government offices will observe holiday closings on **Thursday December 23, Friday December 24, and Friday January 31**. It's an extended holiday break for *Monday Morning Eye-Opener*, too ... look for the next issue on January 10.

**From all of us at the State Library, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!**



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