

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener January 10, 2022

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## Intellectual Freedom Webinar

The Iowa Library Association, Iowa Association of School Librarians, and the State Library invite you to a special collaborative webinar promoting intellectual freedom and supporting Iowa librarians in their efforts to provide library materials to their community. This program takes place **tomorrow January 11 from 6:30-8:00PM**; the evening timing makes this a great opportunity for board education as well.



In the second half of 2021, the American Library Association saw an *"unprecedented volume of challenges"* to library materials, according to a 11/29/2021 statement from the Office of Intellectual Freedom. We know Iowa libraries have not been immune to this wave. In this webinar, speakers will share a jointly-published resource list, discuss how good policies and procedures can see you and your staff through challenges, and allow time to address specific questions from the audience.

We are promoting this webinar to public and school librarians with the hope that Iowa librarians from all types of libraries will have more resources to face a challenge, learn how to implement responsive policy, and hear how to support each other when anyone from any type of library faces serious challenges to materials.

[Register in IA Learns Today](#)

## Seeking Conference Proposals



### Youth Services Conference in April

Formerly known as Kids First, the 2022 State Library conference for youth services is now called **Pop YS Con**. And it's making a comeback to an in-person event: **April 4-5 in Ames, IA.**

The State Library is seeking proposals from Iowa youth librarians interested in presenting a session. Youth Services Consultant Tegan Beese writes *“Do you have a great idea that you want to share with youth library staff across the state? Are you looking forward to connecting and learning in person? Come share with us at Pop YS Con 2022! The submission form is open now. Please submit your proposal by January 31 at 4:00PM”*

If you'd like to jump into the talent pool, but aren't sure where to start, here are some topics to consider:

- Intellectual Freedom
- Collection Development Audit
- Family Programming
- Programs Begun in the Pandemic That Are Continuing
- Weeding Youth Collections
- Teen Programming
- Books and/or Programs for Babies
- Neurodiversity
- Social Media Engagement
- Community Partnerships

Contact Tegan Beese ([tegan.beese@iowa.gov](mailto:tegan.beese@iowa.gov)) with questions and click the button below to access the proposal form.

[POP YS CON Proposal Form](#)

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## National News Literacy Week

January 24-28, 2022

As you're thinking about library programming in the new year, then consider recognizing **National News Literacy Week**, coming up **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 theme 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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[Read More: News Literacy Project](#)

## This Week and Next ...



### Overview of the Iowa Library for the Blind. January 13. 1:00-2:00PM.

The State Library and the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled are proceeding with a second year of collaborative online programming. This week presents an overview of the

Dept for the Blind; attendees will learn about service eligibility, Department programs, and resources for visually impaired patrons.

[Register in IALearns](#)

### Prepping For Accreditation. January 18th and 25th. 10:00-11:00AM

If your library is in the next accreditation cycle, then February 2022 is the time to submit your accreditation application. We're wrapping up this series with two sessions this month: on January 18, the topic turns to standards that affect personnel policies. Finally on January 25, watch a demonstration of how to file the online application for accreditation due on February 28.

Since August, District Consultants have facilitated these information sessions, focusing on specific standards like strategic planning, policies, board education, and more. 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 have proven valuable for all other libraries wanting to increase their Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2-3. This series is 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.

### Iowa Libraries Online Conference. January 20.

Refer to IALearns, as well as previous issues of *Monday Morning Eye-Opener*, for the full conference description for ILOC 2022 next week ... join us!

[Register For ILOC Today](#)

### Holiday Next Monday

**The Martin Luther King Jr holiday is Monday January 17. This is a state holiday, so State Library offices will be closed next Monday.**

**Look for the next *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* on January 24.**



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