

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 28, 2022

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## Board Education Programs Abound

### Leading to a Standard Easily Met

It's early in the new year and already there have been several board education programs to enjoy, with more on the menu in March. A summary of upcoming opportunities is provided by Continuing Education Consultant Samantha Bouwers.

Sponsored by the State Library, all of these programs help library boards satisfy **Standard #8, required at a Tier 1 level: "All members of the library board participate in continuing education each year."**



### Intellectual Freedom for Iowa's Librarians and Boards: Lessons Learned, Legislative Updates, and Your Role

**Wednesday, March 9 | 6:00 - 7:30PM.** Join the Iowa Library Association, the Association of School Librarians, and the State Library of Iowa for an evening conversation about Intellectual Freedom. The event will include sessions geared towards both public and school librarians and public library boards:

- Panel Discussions | 6:00 - 6:55PM
- Legislative Update | 7:00 - 7:30PM

[Register Here](#)

## 28E Agreements: The Logistics of Contracting Library Services

**Thursday, March 10 | 2:00-3:00PM.** Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code authorizes cities to enter into cooperative agreements with other cities, counties, state agencies, and private agencies for numerous endeavors (including library services). This webinar, presented by Patrick Callahan of Callahan Municipal Consultants, will be beneficial to any library considering contracting for services with another town or those libraries already providing services via a 28E agreement.

Register in IALearns

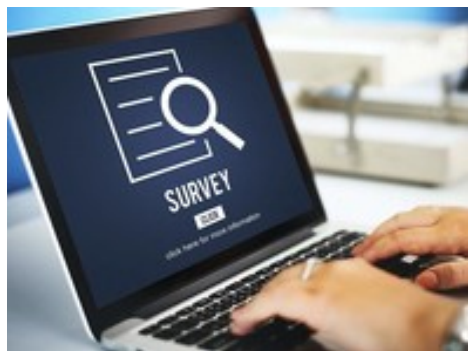
## The 10 Habits of Effective Library Boards. Recording Available Soon

If you were not able to attend this webinar when it was presented live last Wednesday evening, you'll soon be able to watch the recording. You may be familiar with the State Library's webinar "***The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Library Boards***," but our guest speaker helped us add three more habits. In this webinar, Patrick Callahan of Callahan Municipal Consultants outlined ten habits library boards can practice to become their most effective. Look for this recording to be added soon to the State Library's Continuing Education YouTube Channel.

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## Invitation to Participate in Survey



### Psychosocial Needs of Patrons

Last week, library directors should have received a bulletin from the State Library regarding a needs assessment survey. This survey is part of a new initiative at the State Library, trying to gauge how our agency can help support Iowa public libraries as your staff respond to patrons' psychosocial needs. Such needs can be revealed by requests for information

assistance with mental health issues, substance abuse, poverty, and general health care needs.

In this effort, the State Library has partnered with Dr. Beth Wahler from the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to conduct this needs

assessment. Dr. Wahler's primary research interests focus on library patrons' psychosocial needs and how social work can help libraries address these needs. Dr. Wahler has completed needs assessments of other public library systems and is now beginning to work with the State Library of Iowa.

As this initiative gets underway, we're asking that public library directors respond to this survey. Results will help us better understand your perceptions of patron needs, ideas about the library's role in addressing such needs, and how the State Library could best support you. This survey is voluntary, you may stop at any time.

Please be open and honest in your responses. Information will be kept confidential; names and any other identifying information will not be recorded or linked to responses. The State Library will receive a report of the overall findings from this survey, but care will be taken by Dr. Wahler so no identifying information or individual responses will be released.

After this study is complete, the data could be used for future research studies without additional informed consent. If information from this assessment is used for future research studies, published or presented in any public format, Dr. Wahler will not include any information that would identify individual participants.

The survey should take approximately 20 minutes. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Dr. Beth Wahler at [beth.wahler@uncc.edu](mailto:beth.wahler@uncc.edu) or 704-687-0642. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or if you would like to discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact the Office of Research Protections and Integrity at [uncc-irb@uncc.edu](mailto:uncc-irb@uncc.edu).

**The survey will be open until Friday, March 25, 2022**

**Psychosocial Needs Assessment Survey**

## National Library Week 2022



### Next Month April 3-9

Tomorrow we turn the calendar to March, with April close behind. Which means that **National Library Week** is coming soon--this year **April 3-9, 2022**. Sponsored since 1958 by the American Library Association, the theme for this year's celebrations of libraries is ***"Connect With Your Library."***

More about this year's theme from ALA's website: *"Connect With Your Library" promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programming, and class—all in addition to books. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action—an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries."*

## Honorary Chairperson

This year, the national chairperson for National Library Week is actress and comedian Molly Shannon. Molly is an Emmy-nominated and Spirit Award-winning actress and long-time Saturday Night Live cast member. She writes this about her NLW recognition *"I am so honored to serve as honorary chair of National Library Week for 2022. My mom was a librarian! She encouraged kids to read, so the work of librarians and libraries has such a special place in my heart. Libraries are places where communities connect—to computers, books, movies, programs, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other. Supporting National Library Week in this role allows me to connect to my mother's memory and all the librarians out there. Thank you for everything you do!"*

## About NLW National Library Week

is an annual celebration of the valuable role that library service plays in transforming lives and strengthening communities. In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more time with radio and television. Concerned that Americans were reading less, ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a study committee in 1957 to develop a plan for a national week devoted to the importance of libraries. The premise: once people were motivated to read more, they would support and use libraries more. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first **National Library Week** was observed in 1958 with the theme *"Wake Up and Read"*

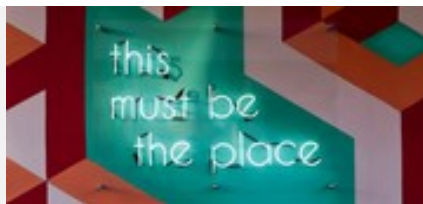
Click the button below to find **NLW** graphics, posters, bookmarks, social media messages, t-shirts and more. And be sure to share your plans for **NLW 2022** with each other on Library Talk!

[National Library Week Info](#)

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## This Week ...

[Summer Library Program Workshop.](#)



## **In Person @ Storm Lake Prairie Lakes AEA. March 1st. 12:30-4:30PM**

Postponed by dicey weather last week, the Storm Lake location for the SLP workshops happens tomorrow March 1<sup>st</sup>. In this in-person workshop, Youth Services Consultant Tegan

Beese takes participants through the iREAD theme for summer 2022—*Read Beyond the Beaten Path*. Lecture small group time is planned, with plenty of ideas for summer programming.

## **SLP Workshops. Virtual Options. March 2 from 2:00-4:00 OR March 3 from 10:00AM-12:PM**

If you were unable to attend at any of the four in-person locations for the Summer Library Program workshops, there are also two online options available this week. Choose either virtual option on March 2 OR March 3.

## **Summer Programming Ideas For Adults. Online. March 3 from 2:00-4:00PM**

Join Samantha Bouwers and Maryann Mori to pick up ideas for involving adults in summertime programming. Topics to include collection development, outreach, and more. Because why should kids have all the fun?

[Register for all of the above in IALearns](#)

***Monday Morning Eye-Opener takes a hiatus next week,  
look for the next issue on March 14 ...***





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