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Director Roundtables Return In Person

Throughout the Month of May

State Library District Consultants are especially happy for this announcement: in May, **Director Roundtables** return to in-person events at locations all across the state. In 2020 and again in 2021, we moved these roundtables into ZOOM rooms for health and safety reasons, but this spring we feel comfortable bringing them back as in-person gatherings.



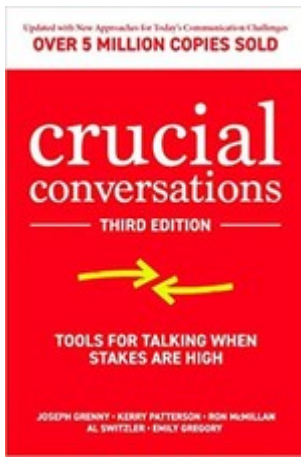
The theme for **Director Roundtables** this year follows our broader education theme for 2022--**Make Room For Yes**. Here's the description you'll find in **IALearns**: "*Sponsored by the State Library and facilitated by District Consultants, roundtables are designed in a 3-hour format, with the first portion being a guided discussion. This year's program is based on ideas from the book When to Say Yes by Don Khouri.*

Discussion will center around being positioned to say yes to new opportunities. Of course, being able to say YES to new things is great, but doing so often demands letting go and saying NO to old practices and old habits. Bringing in the book When to Say Yes, we'll talk about the importance of being "purposely productive," balancing the need to stay current with the tendency to keep doing things the familiar way. Plus time to learn techie tools from each other. The last portion will be given over to open-ended discussion."

Director Roundtables get rolling in May and continue throughout the month. Dates and locations are found in **IALearns**. Time-of-day varies from place to place, but what remains constant is the topic and three continuing education credits. Look ahead to your May calendars, browse the dates and locations in **IALearns**, and then register to attend **Director Roundtables 2022!**

[Register for Director Roundtables 2022](#)

Next Big Ideas Book Discussion



Crucial Conversations on May 17

The next title in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series happens on **May 17** (9:30-11:00AM) when we take up the title Crucial Conversations: Tools For Talking When the Stakes Are High by Joseph Grenny, et.al. (c2021, third edition) When first published in 2002, Crucial Conversations quickly became a New York Times best seller, leading to three revisions and a companion title Crucial Accountability.

Given the spate of book challenges in school and public libraries last year and this, staff and trustees need to be ready with a cogent defense of intellectual freedom. Book challenges are always crucial conversations, as are budget talks, job evaluations, and working with stressed-out patrons.

From Amazon: *“When stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong, you have three choices: avoid a crucial conversation and suffer the consequences; handle the conversation poorly and suffer the consequences; or apply the lessons and strategies of Crucial Conversations and improve relationships and results. Written in an engaging and witty style, this book teaches readers how to be persuasive rather than abrasive, how to get back to productive dialogue when others blow up or clam up ... offering powerful skills for mastering high-stakes conversations, regardless of the topic or person.”*

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. If you don't already have this particular title in your library and are planning to purchase it, be sure to buy the 3rd edition published in October 2021. Then join us for the next good read: Crucial Conversations.

Register for Big Ideas Book Discussion May 17

Join OverDrive's Next Big Library Read

April 4-18, 2022

Sponsored by OverDrive, the **Next Big Library Read** is coming up April 4-18, 2022. And the next title in the lineup: Music Is History by Questlove. The author's name will be familiar to fans of *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* because Questlove is the *Tonight Show's* musical director.



From OverDrive's website: *“Questlove's book includes critical inquiries about black life in America; the book is complemented by his own memories as a music fan and the way his appetite for pop culture taught him about America. A history of the last half-century and an intimate conversation with one of music's most influential and original voices, Music Is History is a singular look at contemporary America.”*

OverDrive's **Big Library Read** is literally a global eBook reading club—and your own library can easily join the club. Connect your own patrons with readers around the world as everyone reads the same book at the same time. Without wait lists or reserves, Music

is [History](#) will be available for simultaneous downloads from April 4-18. When the **Big Library Read** event launches, the book will be available in the **BRIDGES** collection.

So your local book groups can go global simply by downloading OverDrive's marketing materials and promoting this program around your community. Download marketing materials to help get the word out. And readers can use **#biglibraryread** on social media for a chance to win a pair of Apple AirPods Pro.

OverDrive's Big Library Read April 4-18

This Week ...



Reminder: Bridges Letter of Agreement

This one last reminder: if you have not yet completed your **BRIDGES Letter of Agreement, it's time—the deadline is March 31**. Whether your library is a current member or joining for the first time, you are required to return a **Letter of Agreement** to be included in the consortium. Thanks to the 350 libraries have turned in their **Letter of Agreement**, appreciated! But several haven't arrived yet, please see to this soon.

Note that you will receive invoicing for your annual subscription in July. Please **DO NOT** send payment before you have your invoice in hand, then follow instructions for issuing and mailing your check or for paying online.

[Find BRIDGES Letter of Agreement Here](#)

All Iowa Reads 2022: Exploring the Shortlists. March 29 @ 11:00AM-12:00PM

Postponed from last week, look for this webinar taking place tomorrow **Tuesday March 29**. This program introduces the **2022 All Iowa Reads shortlists**. Hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the books on the adult short list from Leslie Heinzler and Bethany Nelson, Co-Chairs of the Adult Selection Committee. And hear about books on the kids/teens short list from Youth Services Consultant Tegan Beese. Look at new resources provided for the shortlist titles and use these books to develop all kinds of programming at your library. Bring your stories of book club successes to share with the group in chat.

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