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News & Notes from the CE Team

2022 Director Roundtables Conclude

Over 200 Directors attended 15 roundtables around the state



A sincere **thank you** to each of our host libraries this year. We had over 200 directors at 15 roundtables throughout the state. It was so exciting to get out, see what libraries are up to, get a peek into how space is being used, and snoop on all the cool stuff starting up for summer.

Our topic this year was "Make Room for Yes," based on the book *When to Say Yes: The Five Steps to Protect Your Time* by Don Khouri ([OCLC](#)). Librarians shared how they:

- Use tools like their strategic plan when evaluating new funding opportunities, programs, or partnerships.
- Evaluate priorities for requests and projects: Who's asking? Is it a "Quality Request"? What should I stop doing to do this instead?
- Delegate strategically to empower staff and volunteers and save their own time for other tasks.

I made it to one Roundtable in each event in each district. (Phew -- a lot of road time, but wouldn't miss it!). I did not take as many pictures as I should have, but I did manage to snag a couple from Marshalltown, Oskaloosa, Iowa Falls, Sioux City, Carroll, and Sumner. Please browse below! And be sure to look up any of those libraries if you're ever in their area.

Where should I visit next...? Let me know if you've got something exciting going on and want a visitor from Des Moines :) Best wishes for a happy summer!

Sam Bouwers | CE Consultant

[Director Roundtables 2022 Photo Gallery](#)

Newly-Added Event



Pop YS Book Club (August 2022)

Monday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August is "Romance Awareness Month!" We'll read an anthology of YA romance short stories. Come prepared to chat about "Fools in Love," edited by Ashley Herring Blake and Rebecca Podos.



[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



Iowa Department
for the Blind

Library For The Blind (June 2022): Cane Travel & Mobility Overview

Thursday, June 9, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This webinar will feature guests from the Iowa Department for the Blind and from their Iowa Blindness Empowerment and Independence Center. This team of experts will provide your library with beneficial practices that can greatly enhance and add positive experiences within your library.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Check it Out! (June 2022)

Tuesday, June 28, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Join Tegan for booktalks on the latest titles. Check It Out! gives you collection development ideas, looks at trends in publishing, and more.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Webinar Archive



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External CE Training Opportunities



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The Wyoming State Library maintains a great list of CE events going on around the country. It's a good place to browse if you're looking for hours, or something on a specific topic. Our thanks to our colleagues in Wyoming for compiling this list. Please note, all times listed are in Mountain Time.

[Wyoming State Library Training Calendar](#)

Watch a course from that list or another CE training offered by someone other than the State Library of Iowa? Please complete the "Request for External CE Form" within 45 days of participating in the training.

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