

Monday Morning Eye-Opener April 10, 2023

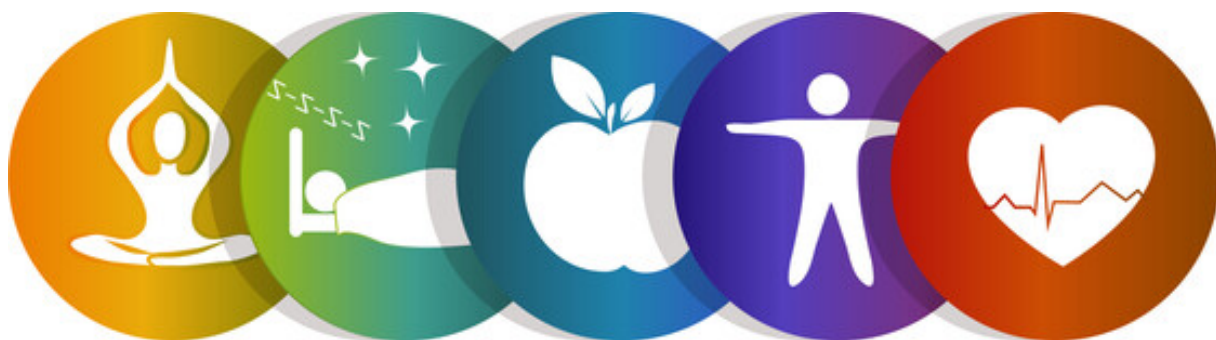
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The Intersections Initiative and Libraries

Maryann Mori with the Central District Office shares this news from the “*Let’s Move in Libraries*” Newsletter. It’s all about a healthy lifestyle project called **Intersections Initiative**, which seeks to connect community leaders, organizations, and local government services to technical assistance and funding to help make streets more accessible for people to walk, jog, and bike.

Intersections Initiative is a year-long partnership between America Walks, the League of American Bicyclists, and the Safe Routes Partnership, all supported in part by the CDC. More from the project website: “*Engaged community leaders, organizations, and local governments understand what communities need to be safer, more accessible, and healthier. But so many don’t know how to make their vision a reality. The **Intersections Initiative** can help. We bring active transportation projects to life by helping navigate federal funding opportunities and building community demand. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides billions for investments in public transportation infrastructure ... now is the time for local communities and organizations to use this funding and their voices to build safer, more connected, people-friendly streets.*”

Funding is available for a range of different projects, from creating more walkable neighborhoods, to building better biking infrastructure, to planning and establishing safe routes to libraries. The **Intersections Initiative** suggests doing a “Walk Audit,” which will help you identify how easy it is to walk to your library.

At the button below, find background information, a look at eligible projects suited for this funding, a link explaining how to get started, and a Contact Us link for more instructions.

[Learn More About The Intersections Initiative](#)

About “Let’s Move in Libraries”

Let’s Move in Libraries is an international program to get people of all ages and abilities on the path to good health. With their impressive reach and great potential for impact, public libraries can join local partners to support healthy communities through StoryWalks®, seed collections, Yoga classes, gardens, cooking classes, and much more.

The **Let’s Move in Libraries Project** receives its inspiration from Former First Lady Michelle Obama’s **Let’s Move! Program**. From 2010 to 2017, Michelle Obama’s program focused on increasing healthy living among Americans through the promotion of **Healthy Eating** and **Active Living**, or **HEAL**. Noah Lenstra is the editor of the *Let’s Move in Libraries Newsletter*.

Iowa Small Library Association Invites You...

To ISLA's Spring Meeting April 28

The **Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)** holds its spring meeting this year on **April 28th**. Organizers are planning two programs that day—all happening online—complete with two C.E. Credits. Registration is open at the button below; note that the ZOOM Room link will be provided to all who register closer to the date.

Iowa Small Library Association



Empowering Iowa's Small Libraries

10:00AM. Working with Library Volunteers presented by Marta Petermann, Adult Programming Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator @ Hiawatha Public Library. How can you effectively recruit and retain volunteers at your library? What is the scope of their role and how do you consistently let them know their value? Marta Petermann has built a mighty volunteer corps at Hiawatha Public Library and will demonstrate that you can, too.

11:00AM. Area Agencies on Aging and Public Libraries, the Perfect Partnership in the Making presented by Aubury Krueger-Kutchara. What is an Area Agency on Aging and what is the scope of the services they provide? Aubury Krueger-Kutchara will provide information on six Area Agencies on Aging in Iowa and will share specific examples of how you can work with your local agency.

In addition to earning two C.E. Credits, one attendee from a Size A or Size B library will be eligible to win a \$100.00 Summer Reading Award. Also two ILA/ISLA members will be eligible to win a scholarship (not to exceed \$250.00) to attend the **Iowa Library Association Fall 2023 Conference in Dubuque October 11-13**. Both awards will be random drawings.

The cost for **ISLA's Spring Meeting on April 28th** is \$5.00 for ILA / ISLA members, or \$10.00 for ILA / non-ISLA members, or \$15.00 for non-ILA / non-ISLA members. Learn more about the [Iowa Library Association](#), the **ISLA Subdivision**, and **membership dues**.

[Register for ISLA Spring Meeting](#)

Next In The Boardroom:



The Board's Role in Staffing Transitions

The next **Boardroom** webinar, scheduled for **May 25th** (6:00-7:30PM) takes up the topic of staffing transitions. Having successfully hired a new library director, does the board have another role to play in

helping with orientation? We say yes!

Like any other organization, libraries need to plan for staffing transitions, whether expected or unexpected. This program suggests practical approaches that help pave the way for new directors and ease the learning curve.

We'll consider questions like: What are the library's annual routines? Likely budget prepping, policy review, job evaluations, and more. Those tasks have accompanying documents, where are those docs found? Is the library accredited or meeting standards at any Tier level? What's the cycle for that? When does the library renew its participation in the Bridges eBook Service? When is the Public Library Annual Survey due?

With an annual calendar showing program participation and deadlines in hand, with needed documents and passwords easily retrievable, with a listing of people willing to help, library boards can play a part in lighting the path for the new directors they've hired. Plus boards should work on their own brand of transition planning. We have ideas for that, too!

[Register For The Boardroom May 25th](#)

Digital Services Town Hall Meetings This Week ...

**Specific Addresses At The Button Below
6:00PM At Each Location**

April 10 @ Urbandale Public Library

April 10 @ Red Oak Public Library



April 11 @ Cedar Rapids Public Library (Downtown Location)

April 11 @ Iowa Western Community College in Atlantic

April 12 @ Iowa City Public Library

April 12 @ Creston Public Library

April 13 @ Washington Public Library

Town Hall Meetings on Digital Services



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