April 14, 2023

From the CE Team

New CE Opportunities on Best Practices for Finding, Writing, and Winning Grants

One of our most frequently requested topics for training (yes, we do read those evaluations you fill out for us) is grant seeking and grant writing. And we're so excited to offer Iowa librarians a series of resources on that tricky and important topic!

Scroll down for more details below on three upcoming sessions: a demo of the Foundation Directory resource, a live webinar on the four rules for writing a grant, and a fresh Kernel on the topic!

Enjoying warmer days & sunshine,
Sam Bouwers | CE Consultant

New CE Opportunities on Grants

Find Grant Money For Your Library And Community: Using Foundation Directory

Two Identical Sessions:
Tuesday, April 25, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Foundation Directory

In this webinar presented by Douglas Moore of Foundation Directory (FD), you'll learn how to search the interface for grants for your library and how to teach your patrons as well. The first half of this webinar will be a demonstration of how to search and use the information in FD, the second half will be open for your questions.

Register for the April 25 Session

Register for the April 27 Session

Get that Grant! Best Practices to Wow Funders and Bring Money to Your Library
Tuesday, May 2, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In this webinar we showcase the tips and tricks to write great grant proposals to increase your likelihood of getting funding. We'll explore what makes an effective grant and focus on the four main rules for writing a great grant proposal: Know your funder, Follow the rules, Do your homework and Focus on people's needs.

More Information & Registration

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Self-paced | View on IA Learns or YouTube

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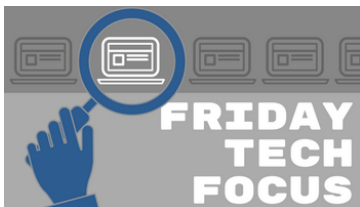
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Newly-Added Events

Pop YS Live (May 2023) | Decoding Dyslexia
Wednesday, May 10, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Nina Lorimor-Easley, Assistant Director of the Iowa Reading Research Center, representing Decoding Dyslexia Iowa, will be presenting on the basics of dyslexia. In addition, this session will discuss how librarians can recognize and assist students who may be struggling with reading and writing or may have dyslexia.

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Friday Tech Focus (May 2023): AI in the Library
Friday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

We'll take a look at how to get started with ChatGPT and an AI art generator. Could they be useful in your library? Join us to find out. Some librarians have already started experimenting with these tools, but please join whether you've used them or not. We'll give an overview, and then would love to hear about your discoveries or thoughts for how to implement AI your library.

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Check It Out! | May 2023
Tuesday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Check it Out! is a monthly webinar series from the State Library of Iowa spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will share collection development tips, programming ideas, and of course, new titles galore for kids and teens. This is a fun, fast-paced session that will fill both your library shelves and your TBR list!

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Additional Upcoming Events

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Beyond "UNPLUG IT, STAT": Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan Workshop
Wednesday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

When faced with a cybersecurity incident, our first response is probably to unplug the computer and never plug it back in, but there's so much more to it than that. In this session (presented by Ryan Mulhall, Chief Information Officer of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN)), participants will learn about cybersecurity, the risks, and some common attacks.

More Information & Registration

Director Roundtables
In-Person Events Through May in Each District

This spring, Director Roundtables will follow our overall education theme for 2023: "Productive Partnerships." With last year's theme ("Make Room for Yes") as a jumping off point, we'll spend time this year discussing the benefits of finding partners in a common cause and how productive partnerships can advance mutual missions for community betterment.

More Information & Registration

Library for the Blind (May 2023) | Screen Readers in Your Library

Thursday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This webinar will provide information about screen readers (JAWS, Voiceover, NVDA, Narrator), An overview of NVDA (free option for all) will be provided including how to install and use on public computers. We'll also highlight keyboard shortcuts that any user will find helpful.

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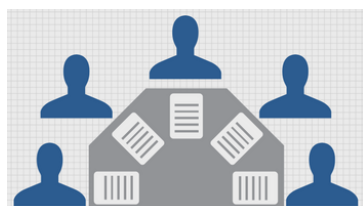
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Big Ideas Book Discussion
Friday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Next up in the Big Ideas Book Discussion series is "Unreasonable Hospitality: The Remarkable Power of Giving People More Than They Expect" (c2022), a debut title by Will Guidara. Since customer service is always top-of-mind in public libraries, this book about transforming customer experiences is sure to connect in ways large and small.

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Boardroom Series: Pay it Forward Checklist
Thursday, May 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This webinar suggests practical approaches that help pave the way for new directors and ease the learning curve. We'll look at a "Pay It Forward Checklist," an annual calendar of program deadlines, and the board's involvement in helping their directors through this period of adjustment. Plus, library boards should work on their own brand of transition planning … ideas for that, too!

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New Kernels

Kernels is an ongoing series of prerecorded videos from the State Library. Each installment in the series offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature in practice librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit & apply that idea in their library.
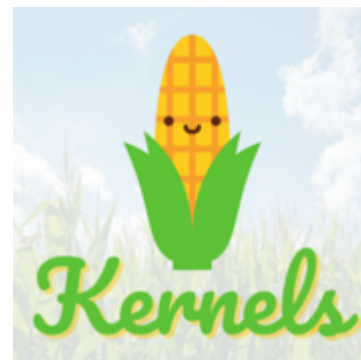
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- **View the Grant Seeking Kernel**

View All Kernels

Webinar Archive

View in IA Learns to access the evaluation & see the CE Hours on your transcript. Watch the whole recording, click next in the upper-right, and follow the prompts to get to the evaluation. Remember to type something in every field before hitting "Save."

IA Learns Login

If you don't track CE hours, or only want to view for informational purposes, you can also view recorded webinars on the State Library of Iowa CE Team YouTube Channel. Subscribe for alerts when new content is added!

State Library CE YouTube Channel

External CE Training Opportunities

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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