

Monday Morning Eye-Opener April 24, 2023

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This Is National Library Week!



Let's Celebrate Libraries 😊

This is the premier week for library trustees, staff, patrons, and advocates to celebrate our nation's libraries. This is **National Library Week April 23-29**. Sponsored since 1958 by the American Library Association, the theme for this year's celebrations of libraries is **"There's More to the Story."**

Here's more about the 2023 theme from ALA's website: *"Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats, from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. Libraries of Things lend items like museum passes, games, musical instruments, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Library infrastructure provides Internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs. **National Library Week 2023** will be a great time to tell your library's multi-faceted story."*

Holding open houses, distributing bookmarks, offering give-aways and prizes are all great ways to acknowledge **National Library Week**. The photo above shows one way that Sioux City PL is celebrating—with a local history display titled *"We Heart Sioux City Public Library Today and Yesterday: Snapshots of the Library's Past."*

More ideas from ALA with these days designated for special recognition this week

- **Monday April 24:** [State of America's Libraries Report](#) released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2022.
- **Tuesday April 25:** [National Library Workers Day](#), a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

- **Wednesday April 26:** [National Library Outreach Day](#) (formerly National Bookmobile Day) a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are
- **Thursday April 27:** [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

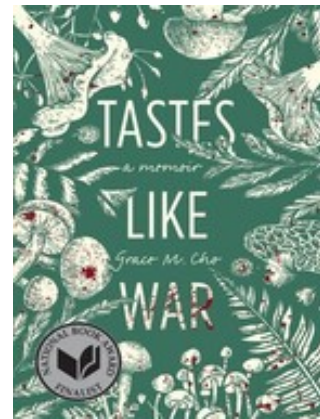
Click the button below to find NLW graphics, posters, bookmarks, social media messages, t-shirts and more. And be sure to share photos from **NLW 2023** on Library Talk!

National Library Week Promo Materials

Next Big Library Read ...

[Tastes Like War: May 3-17](#)

The next **Big Library Read** kicks off next week on May 3rd with the book [Tastes Like War](#) by Grace M. Cho. Part food memoir, part sociological investigation. [Tastes Like War](#) is about a daughter's search, through intimate and global history, for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia. This book is the winner of the 2022 Asian / Pacific American Award in Literature and the finalist for the 2021 National Book Award for Nonfiction



Point your patrons to Bridges on May 3rd to download the book and to the **Big Library Read** website for the discussion guide and discussion forum. [Tastes Like War](#) will be available for simultaneous use in eBook and audiobook formats between **May 3-17**.

About The Book

From GoodReads: “Grace M. Cho grew up as the daughter of a white American merchant marine and the Korean bar hostess he met abroad. They were one of few immigrants in a xenophobic small town during the Cold War, where identity was politicized by everyday details—language, cultural references, memories, and food. When Grace was fifteen, her dynamic mother experienced the onset of schizophrenia, a condition that would continue and evolve for the rest of her life.

In her mother’s final years, Grace learned to cook dishes from her parent’s childhood in order to invite the past into the present, and to hold space for her mother’s multiple voices at the table. And through careful listening over these shared meals, Grace discovered not only the things that broke the brilliant, complicated woman who raised her—but also the things that kept her alive.”

About Big Library Read

Typically held three times each year, **Big Library Read** is literally a global reading program. It’s a worldwide digital version of a local book discussion club. Sponsored by

OverDrive, this program represents an opportunity to connect your local readers with book lovers around the world as they read and discuss the same book at the same time without wait lists or holds.

Marketing materials and a press release template are available to promote **Big Library Read** to your community. Be sure to check out all the promos available to help get the word out. And plan to connect your library with others around the world during OverDrive's next **Big Library Read**, coming up on **May 3rd**

Promote OverDrive's Big Library Read

Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreement



Ready to Sign, Due April 30

By the end of this week, Iowa libraries of all types—public, college, schools, and specials—are required to sign and submit an **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement**. **Enrich Iowa** is made up of three distinct programs: **Open Access, ILL Reimbursement, and Direct State Aid**, the funding awarded for meeting public library

standards. The agreements for **FY 2024** are available on the State Library website, find them by clicking the button below.

To be part of **Enrich Iowa** in fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) your **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** is due at the State Library on or before **April 30, 2023**. Note that **EI Agreement** is available as a digital form only, we no longer accept faxed copies.

Follow These Steps-to-Completion

- Find the **Enrich Iowa Agreement** by clicking on the button below . Note the different agreements for different types of libraries, so be sure to open the agreement that matches your library type
- Mark the boxes on the **Agreement**, making sure to check each box next to the program that you wish to participate in. **You must check at least one box to submit the form**. If you intend to participate in Direct State Aid reimbursement, you also need to participate in the Open Access Reimbursement and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs. **NOTE: Tier 0 libraries** may only participate in Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement as of July 1, 2017
- Within the orange text box, fill out the contact information and sign the **Agreement**. It can be signed by the library director or another signatory authority; the form uses digital signatures
- Submit the **EI Agreement** by clicking the blue **“Submit & Sign”** button at the bottom of the screen. Once submitted, you will receive an email notice with an

attached version of the completed document. You can keep the attached file for your records. **Remember the deadline is April 30, 2023.**

Consultant Scott Dermont is posting the **EI Agreements** as they are received at the State Library, so you can track your library's status. Contact Scott with questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov Thanks for your attention to this!

Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement



Check It Out. April 25. 11:00AM-12:00PM

This is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Join Janeé every month for booktalks on the latest titles. Check It Out! gives you collection development ideas, looks at trends in publishing, and more.

Register in IALearns

Find Grant Money for Your Library and Community: Using Foundation Directory. April 25. 2:00-3:00PM. REPEATS April 27 10:00-11:00AM

So often we hear about the benefits of grant funding, but it can be challenging to find the right funder for a specific project. Did you know you have access to a resource in your library to connect you AND others in your community to potential funders? Thanks to the State Library's subscription, you and other grant seekers can access the Foundation Directory (FD) from Candid.

In this webinar presented by Douglas Moore of 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.

Note that a library's IP address must be registered with FD and you must be in your library to access. To confirm your IP is registered and you are able to access FD from your library, contact toni.blair@iowa.gov

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Digital Services Town Hall Meetings This Week. Click below for specific street addresses, 6:00PM at each location

NOTE: These meetings are not eligible for continuing education credit from the State Library of Iowa.

April 24 @ West Des Moines Public Library

April 24 @ Storm Lake Middle School

April 25 @ Iowa State University in Ames


April 25 @ Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg

April 26 @ Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon



April 27 @ Spencer Public Library

Town Hall Meetings on Digital Services

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