



April 28, 2023

From the CE Team



The 2023 Director Roundtables will kick off on May 9 in State Center; the first of 17 locations across the state in May, with multiple events to choose from in each district!

A longtime staple in the Continuing Education calendar, those who attend will have the chance to learn from their district consultant, network with their peers, and apply new learning in their library. This event is another way we “dig deep” into the annual CE theme!

This year’s Director Roundtables will follow our overall education theme for 2023: *Productive Partnerships*. Come ready to share success stories about the productive partnerships your library enjoys!

[Register for a Roundtable Near You](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



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](#)



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](#)



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.

[More Information & Registration](#)



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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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Big Ideas Book Discussion

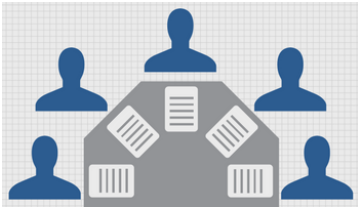
Friday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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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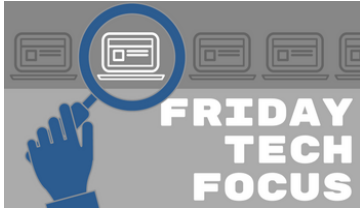
Boardroom Series: Pay it Forward Checklist

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!

[More Information & Registration](#)



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.

[More Information & Registration](#)

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!

[More Information & Registration](#)

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.

View on YouTube for informational purposes or in IA Learns for CE credit.

Kernels! Practical Grantseeking

Join Sam Bouwers (State Library of Iowa) and Aimee Campbell (Director of the Albia Public Library) as they chat about how Albia has successfully used grant funding to jump start library facilities improvements, technology upgrades, and community programming.

- [View the Grant Seeking Kernel](#)

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Webinar Archive



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[State Library CE YouTube Channel](#)

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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