



October 6, 2023

Out and About: Travels with Sam

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Between the ARSL Conference (two weeks ago), the Learning Circuit (last week), and the ILA Conference (next week), PLUS all the cool CE stuff listed below, there's a little going on, eh? Read on for all sorts of events coming up from the State Library. And reach out with questions!

If you know me, I'm none too pleased about shorter days and cooler weather (#SummerForever), but it *was* a treat to round out September and start October with a few days on the road visiting libraries. I collected some of my favorite pictures from my ELEVEN library visits in the last couple of weeks. Scroll through them at the link below!

See you at ILA, perhaps.

Sam Bouwers, CE Consultant

Travels with Sam Pics



Attending the in-person Learning Circuit on Sept. 28 in Sioux Center.

Newly-Added Events



Pop YS Live (November 2023): Reader's Advisory for Kids & Teens
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For this installment of Pop YS Live, State Library Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering and a panel of practitioner experts will take you through the basics of RA for Youth Services... everything from nailing the 'what should I read next?' conversation to sources you should follow so you can recommend the latest and greatest titles to kids, teens, and their caregivers.

More Information & Registration



Big Ideas Book Discussion (November 2023) | The Art of Talking With Children

Friday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Next up in the Big Ideas Book Discussion series is “The Art of Talking With Children: Simple Keys to Nurturing Kindness, Creativity, and Confidence in Kids” by Rebecca Rolland. We’ll discuss the ideas presented, and see how they apply to how all staff can better serve the library’s youngest patrons and their caregivers!

[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events

Skills for Community-Centered Libraries

Tuesdays, throughout the Fall, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

As a follow up to the in-person Learning Circuit on Sept. 28, the State Library is pleased to offer 3 additional Zoom sessions to those across the state interested in continuing the conversation around engaging their communities. Here are our dates & topics:



- [Effective Communication](#): October 10, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- [Program Development](#): October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- [Community Engagement](#): November 7, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Pop YS Live (October 2023): iREAD Summer 2024 Preview

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join representatives from the iREAD team as they cover some basics about the program, introduce the 2024 Summer Reading theme (Read, Renew, Repeat), and share how you can get involved with planning 2025 and beyond.



[More Information & Registration](#)

Check it Out (October 2023)

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 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](#)

Library Horizons: What's new from ARSL 2023?

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If you missed the Association for Rural & Small Libraries annual conference in September, but want to learn about some of the great ideas people brought back, then join this 90 minute panel presentation to hear about attendees’ favorite conference sessions. State Library staff will host Iowa librarians who, as ARSL conference-goers, will share some of what they learned in Wichita, KS.

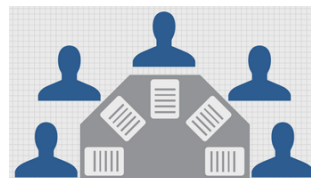


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Intersections: Where City and Library Meet

Monthly throughout the fall, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Intersections is a three-part series, designed for library boards and cities, highlighting best practices for city governments and libraries to meet in the middle comparing policy and practice. We hope to help foster good communication and cooperation between city and library. Past recordings will be on IA Learns and our YouTube channel.



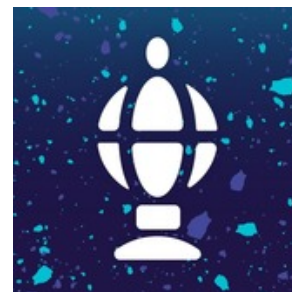
- [Part 2: Budgets](#) Thursday, Oct. 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- [Part 3: Personnel](#) Thursday, Nov. 30 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Branding on a Budget: Achieve More with Less

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In-Person Workshop at the Marion Public Library

Ever pondered the power behind a library's unique brand? It's more than just a logo or a color scheme; it's about creating a memorable identity that resonates with your community. Branding isn't just another item on your to-do list; it's a strategic tool that can elevate your library's presence, attract a wider audience, and strengthen local support.



[Register for "Branding on a Budget"](#)

Lunch with the State Library (November 2023): People's Law Library

Thursday, Nov. 2, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

This month's feature for Lunch with the State Library highlights a legal resource for you to share with your patrons: The People's Law Library of Iowa. State Law Librarian Mandy Easter and Amy Koopman of the University of Iowa Law Library will give an overview of the website and highlight new legal topic areas for you and your community.



[More Information & Registration](#)

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."

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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



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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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