



December 1, 2023

**Have a “Libraries are Forever”
story to share?**

Submit a session proposal for ILOC 2024!

Applications Due Dec. 1, 2023

ILOC Call for Proposals Closes Today!

This is your last chance to submit to ILOC, coming up January 25, 2024. The theme for this year’s conference is “Libraries are Forever!” Library staff and trustees who have demonstrated ways to prove the library is “there to stay and make a difference” are encouraged to apply. Ideas for presentation topics may include:

- Sustainability in building operations (i.e. “green” improvements)
- Library collaborations within a county or region
- Positive interactions with other city services or departments
- Programs that are making a noticeable impact in your community
- Sustainable and alternative funding options
- Innovative practices in strategic planning

Not sure if your idea is a good one? Watch this Kernel ([IA Learns Link](#) | [YouTube Link](#)) for some suggestions on what makes a good conference proposal. **Please complete the 2024 ILOC Proposal Application by December 1, 2023.** Selected presenters will be notified by December 8.

[Submit a Proposal Today](#)

Newly-Added Events

Pop YS Live (January, 2024) | Displays: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



This month in Pop VS Live, we'll take a peek at library displays. This webinar will have plenty of practical tips and photos galore of DOs and DON'Ts. At the end of the presentation, you'll be empowered and inspired to create eye-catching displays in your library!

[More Information & Registration](#)



Lunch with the State Library (January 2024): Generalized Consulting

Thursday, Jan. 11, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

In this installment of Lunch with the State Library we'll cover some of the general expertise our six district consultants can offer to library directors, staff, and boards. The State Library is your partner in offering the best possible library service to your community! Consulting is a big part of how we achieve that goal.

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All Iowa Reads 2024: Author Presentations

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All Iowa Reads 2024 launches this January with a very special webinar with the authors of the All Iowa Reads selections. For adults: "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson; for teens: "Hollow Fires" by Samira Ahmed; for kids: "Tumble" by Celia C. Pérez.

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The "Safe at Home" Program and Your Library

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program from the Iowa Secretary of State. Survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, assault, human trafficking, or stalking may fear giving out their home address. Libraries do have a need to know a patron's address. This webinar will cover the basics of the program

and explain how you can offer library services to participants.

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Friday Tech Focus (January 2024): Switchboard

Friday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Switchboard believes teamwork should be the best part of work. They've built an async-first collaboration platform designed to help you move faster with

fewer meetings. We'll demo this app and discuss how it could be used in a library.

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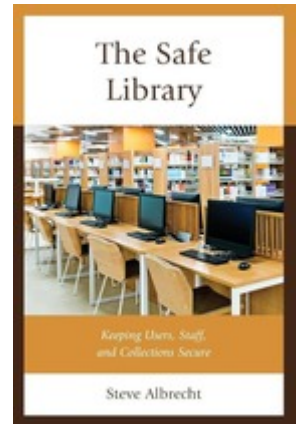
Additional Upcoming Events

Security for Rural Librarians: Staying Safe at Work When Help Is Far

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you work in a rural library location you need to consider every available safety and security option. This webinar is here to help. This 60-minute webinar is sponsored by the State Library of Iowa and presented by Dr. Steve Albrecht; Library Service, Safety and Security Consultant and Author, *Library Security* (ALA, 2015) and *The Safe Library* (Rowman, 2023). It will be recorded.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Lunch with the State Library (December 2023): State Data Center

Thursday, Dec. 7, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Are you ready to take your community research and planning activities to the next level? The mission of the State Data Center is to increase the availability of census data in Iowa and to help people use it. Coordinator Gary Krob will review resources available to you through and walk you through some Census data basics.

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The FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program and your Library

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Did you know that your patrons may qualify for discounts on their home internet? The federally-funded Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. A presenter from the FCC outreach team will explain the program, the application process, and how you can promote the program to your community.

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Pop YS Live (December 2023): Best Books of the Year

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pop YS joins the "best of" bandwagon to showcase what we think are the best books we read this year. We'll cover picture books, chapter books, teen titles, and of course, graphic novels. We'll want to hear from you in chat as well! Did

we nail it? Leave off an obvious choice? This fun, interactive session is sure to engage and who knows, maybe add to your YS collection.

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Library for the Blind (December 2023): Accessible Youth Programming

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

In this webinar, learn about the accessible programming being put into motion by the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. Discover brand new methods in just 5 simple steps that will add layers to your own library programs that all can enjoy.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Iowa Department
for the Blind

Check it Out (December 2023)

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 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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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! WhoFi Meeting Room Scheduler

Join Samantha Bouwers (State Library of Iowa) and Erin Coughlin (Nevada, IA Public Library) as they chat about how Nevada implemented the new tool from WhoFi: a meeting room scheduler.

- [View the WhoFi Meeting Room Scheduler 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



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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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