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State Library Seeking Participants



To Pilot Training Materials

Last August, State Library managers announced that our agency State Library announced that our agency had received a 3-year grant titled [Building Public Library Capacity for Serving High-Needs Patrons.](#)

Awarded from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** (IMLS) the grant's focus is twofold: (1) To develop education and training for public library staff serving patrons who are in crisis and (2) To create avenues of support for library staff mental health, well-being, and resilience in the face of work-related stress.

Our consultant on the grant is Dr. Beth Wahler. In 2022, Dr. Wahler and her team conducted a statewide needs assessment focusing on staff perceptions of patron psychosocial needs and studying gaps in the ability to meet those needs. This needs assessment also looked at staff and library readiness for adding a social service component to library services.

This current phase of the grant involves piloting the training materials. We are seeking small, diverse groups of staff and administration to pilot the training. For front-line library staff, the modules cover information for serving patrons with complex needs in a trauma-informed way and ways to reduce staff stress. For library administrators, the modules cover trauma-informed leadership strategies, effective collaborations to address high-needs patrons, and making a case to local government or library boards to add social service collaborations to library services.

Participants, Commitment, and Timing

The pilot groups will include 8-12 non-administrative staff and 6-8 administrators. Participants will watch the training modules and provide feedback directly to Dr. Wahler. The commitment includes watching 2-3 hours of video training (broken down into smaller segments) providing feedback via a survey, and participating in a focus group via ZOOM.

The videos will be available to the pilot groups mid-February to mid-March. The focus group sessions take place mid-to-late March. Feedback from these pilot groups is important for ensuring the training is as clear, relevant, and useful as possible prior to a statewide rollout.

Who Should Apply?

Our goal is for these test groups to be as widely representative of our state as possible. We need participants from all six Library Service Districts, from urban and rural libraries, and from a variety of age groups, racial / ethnic groups, and genders.

Directors, please forward this email and link to any staff in your library who may be interested in participating. **Complete the application by February 5, 2024.**

Respondents will be notified by February 12, 2024 if chosen for this pilot project.

Thanks for your interest!

[Apply to Join the Pilot Program](#)

E-Rate Form 471 Filing Window Is Open

Now Through March 27th

For all libraries participating in the E-Rate Program, the FCC announced that the window is open to file Form 471. This is the second form in the sequence, it will remain **open through March 27**.

Form 471 is used by schools and public libraries to select an Internet service provider and a price for Internet service. Libraries familiar with the E-Rate Program know that Form 471 can only be filed after filing Form 470 and only after that form has been in place for 28 days.

Actually, if you are a past E-Rate participant and would like to again this year, there is still time to get started because Form 470—again, this is the first form needed in the filing sequence—is still open until February 28. Click the button below for more information, as well as examples for how to file Forms 470 and 471. For added help, you're welcome to contact **your District Library Resource Technician (LRT)** They can provide screen-sharing assistance to help you with filing these forms.



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Info and Examples of E-Rate Forms



Accepting Conference Proposals

For Pop YS Con ... Coming April in Ames

Calling all youth services librarians—here's a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with colleagues statewide at the [Pop YS Conference](#) this spring.

Sponsored by the State Library of Iowa, this popular conference—designed for and with youth library staff—is scheduled for **April 8-9 in Ames**.

If you have a fun program for kids or a unique service concept for teens, you are invited to submit a conference proposal to present a session at this spring's conference. Here are topics to consider:

- Popular programs that have taken off
- Programming for families, children, or teens
- Storytime book or song selections for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers
- Early literacy programs
- Social media engagement

- Partnerships and outreach ideas
- Support for Intellectual freedom

Here's another nice resource as you consider submitting a proposal: there's a **new Kernel** on our [Continuing Education YouTube page](#) on this very idea titled **Successful Conference Submissions**. Watch for inspiration, bounce around some ideas, then submit a proposal at the button below 😊

Selected presenters will be given \$20.00 off the full conference registration or \$10.00 off a single day registration. **Proposals must be submitted by 4:00PM on Monday February 12.** Contact Janeé Jackson Doering, Youth Services Consultant with the State Library, with questions janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov

[Pop YS Conference Proposal Application](#)

This Week ...



Summer Library Programming 2024: Adult Programming & Materials. Online. January 30. 10:00AM-12:00PM

Start thinking about how your adult patrons can "**Read, Renew, Repeat**" at your library this summer. With many of the program ideas also suitable for teens and families, this webinar features a mix of State Library staff sharing their summer programming ideas. Plus time in small group discussions to share what's worked in the past. You may leave early (and earn less CE Credit) if you need to

skip the breakout room discussions. If you do plan to stick around for the breakouts, please make sure to have access to a microphone and webcam to enhance the discussion.

"Just in Time" Summer Reading Planning. Online. February 1. 9:30-11:30AM

This is another opportunity to brainstorm summer library programming, this centering on summer ideas for kids and teens. In the first half, State Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will guide participants through the best practices, activities, and resources. Breakout rooms here, too, in the second half are a great way to share your plans with colleagues. You may leave early (and earn less CE Credit) if you can't stay for the breakouts. Note—this is largely a repeat of a webinar offered in November. See

our [full calendar of Summer Library Program training](#), then register for the above classes at the button below

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