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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



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IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ILA Leadership Institute This Summer Applications Open Through May 3rd

For many years, the Iowa Library Association has sponsored a **Leadership Development Institute** aimed at library managers and supervisors, as well as support staff. This year's **Leadership Institute** is scheduled for **July 31—August 2** at the **Gateway Conference Center in Ames**.

This year's event will be led by Iowa consultant Heather Woody, who will speak to opportunities and issues for library leaders today, including working in multi-generational environments and managing difficult conversations. Event organizers write *"...Heather Woody's expertise in leadership development is sure to offer valuable insights and guidance to attendees, making this event a must-attend for professionals seeking to enhance their leadership skills."*

Space is limited and potential attendance is handled through an application process. Applications are made easier if you have a Google account. Letters of reference are also required. If selected, the conference cost is \$300.00 to save your space. The fee includes the hotel room cost and most meals, all other costs are covered by the Institute's sponsors. **Applications are open until through May 3rd.**

More From Event Organizers

From ILA's website, event planners write: *"This institute is not just for library managers and directors. We emphasize that leadership is cultivated from within. Are you someone who aspires to take on more challenges? Have you found yourself thrust into a leadership role with little guidance or safety net? Give yourself the opportunity to spend quality time meditating on the kind of leader you want to be. This event promises to be an enlightening, enriching, and transformative experience. With 2 ½ days of inspiration, reflection, and networking, this is a must-attend event for library professionals seeking to enhance their leadership skills."*

Please direct questions to **Leadership Development Committee Co-Chairs**
[Melody Dworak](#) or [Constance Wade](#)

And read more about this opportunity at the button below!

ILA Leadership Institute

Enrich Iowa Letters Of Agreement



Due On April 30th

Earlier this month, Iowa libraries of all types—public, college, schools, and specials—should have received an email from Scott Dermont regarding **Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreement (LOAs)**. Because it's that time of year again when Iowa libraries need to renew participation in the **Enrich Iowa Program**, now for

FY2025. These Letters of Agreement are due on April 30.

Enrich Iowa is made up of three distinct programs: **Open Access**, **ILL Reimbursement**, and **Direct State Aid**, which is the funding awarded for meeting public library standards. The agreements for FY 2025 are ready to go, find them by clicking the button below. The **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 there are various agreements for various 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, true since 2017.

- Within the orange text box, fill out the contact information and sign the **Enrich Iowa Agreement**. It can be signed by the library director or other 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 copy for your records.

Library directors and trustees will benefit from reading the **Terms of Agreement** for each individual **Enrich Iowa** program. The **Terms of Agreement** outline the rules and regulations behind each program, find each one at the button below.

Please be mindful of the deadline—April 30, 2024. Scott will begin posting the **EI Agreements** as they are received at the State Library, so you can track your library’s status. Contact Scott Dermont with questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov This is an annual opt-in proposition, thanks for doing so!

[Sign Your Library’s EI Agreement](#)

Children's Book Week ...

Just Ahead: May 6-12

In April each year, celebrations abound during National Library Week. Now coming in May, there’s another week dedicated to reading and literacy, this time with the reading interests of kids at heart. **May 6-12 is Children’s Book Week.**

This year marks the 105th anniversary of **Children’s Book Week**. The theme for this year’s celebration is *No Rules, Just Read*. Established in 1919, **Children’s Book Week** is the longest-running national celebration of books for young people.

Every year, children and teens participate by attending events at libraries and at school, engaging with book creators both online and in person. It’s estimated that 2,300 libraries, schools, and bookstores nationwide tout **Children’s Book Week** by highlighting the joy of reading for kids and to kids of all ages. And this is especially cool: in 2024, **Children’s**



Book Week will actually span two dedicated weeks: **May 6-12** and again **November 4-10**.

Award-winning author and illustrator Sophie Blackall is the poster art creator and this year's **Children's Book Week** spokesperson. Find that poster, along with coloring pages, program ideas, and give-aways at the button below. Then share your **Children's Book Week** plans with each other on Library Talk 😊

[Learn More @ Children's Book Week 2024!](#)

This Week ...

Check it Out! April 23.
Online. 11:00AM-12:00

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, the best books to use for storytimes, and new titles galore for kids and teens.



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