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Registration Now Open: All Iowa Reads Author Talks In June

Registration is now open for the **All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visits on June 11-12**. Each of the three **AIR authors** will present a webinar discussing their books chosen for the **2024 AIR Program**. These webinars are ideal to share with your local book clubs, with your Friends Groups and youth groups—extend an invitation to all of them and promote these programs as a watch party @ your library 😊

The State Library has developed a PDF poster for you to print and display to help with promoting these programs to your community. In addition to hearing from the authors themselves, these discussions will also include an overview of the resources available from the State Library to support **All Iowa Reads** events at your library. Here's the **Virtual Author Talk** schedule:

- **Diane Wilson on June 11 (6:30-7:30PM)** Diane Wilson is the author of the adult title [The Seed Keeper](#).

- **Celia C. Perez on June 12** (2:00-3:00PM) Celia is the author of the children's title [Tumble](#).
- **Samira Ahmed on June 12** (4:00-5:00PM) Samira wrote the teen title [Hollow Fires](#).

About All Iowa Reads

Established in 2003, the purpose of **All Iowa Reads** is to foster a sense of community through reading. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book in the same calendar year. **All Iowa Reads** consists of three programs, each with one title chosen per year: one for adults, one for teens ages 12-18, and one for kids ages 8-12.

Libraries, book clubs, schools and other local organizations are encouraged to sponsor discussions of the titles. The **AIR** webpage includes information for current and past selections, as well as materials including book reviews, discussion questions, author bios, and publicity materials to help you and your local book clubs prepare successful discussions.

Contact Janeé Jackson-Doering or Helen Dagley at the State Library with questions and use the link below to register for the **AIR 2024 Virtual Author Talks!**

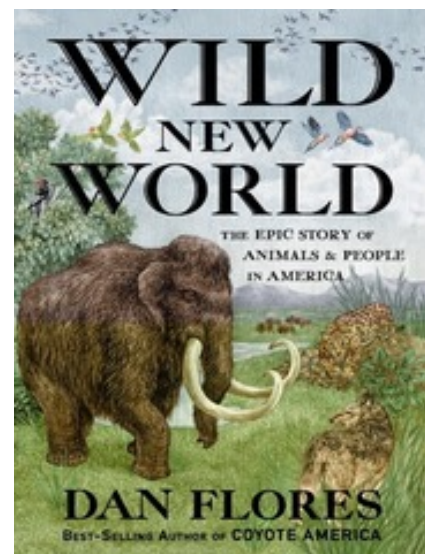
[Register For AIR Author Talks In June](#)

OverDrive's Next Big Library Reads

[Wild New World May 9-23](#)

Sponsored by OverDrive, the Big Library Read program is an opportunity to connect your local readers with book lovers around the world as they read and discuss the same book at the same time without wait lists or holds. It's a worldwide digital version of a local book discussion club.

The next opportunity for your library's readers to join the fun is coming up **May 9-23** when the title will be **[Wild New World: The Epic Story of Animals and People in America](#)** by Dan Flores. Point your patrons to **Bridges** beginning on **May 9** to download the book and to **The Big Library Read** website for social media graphics, marketing materials, and a press release to help with local promotion.



Wild New World will be available for simultaneous use in Bridges in both eBook and e-audiobook formats **between May 9-23**.

From the **Big Read** website *“In thrilling narrative style ... Flores celebrates the astonishing bestiary that arose on our continent and introduces the complex human cultures and individuals who hastened its eradication, studied America’s animals, and moved heaven and earth to rescue them. Eons in scope and continental in scale, Wild New World is a sweeping yet intimate Big History of the animal-human story in America.”*

Here are just a few ways to get your library’s readers excited about OverDrive’s **Big Library Read** and to encourage their participation:

- Download free marketing materials at the button below and use #BigLibraryRead on social media
- Join readers from around the globe for **A Q&A with Dan Flores**, author of **Wild New World** on **May 23 at 11:00AM CST**. This is a free webinar and another opportunity for a watch party at your library
- Readers have a chance to win a **Big Library Reads** prize pack including Beats Headphones, a Stanley French Press Travel Mug, a copy of Wild New World, and 50 trees planted in their honor through the Arbor Day Foundation. Point your readers to #biglibraryread on social media from May 9-23 to enter this drawing; winners will be selected on May 23, 2024.

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Much more at the button below.

Join OverDrive’s Big Library Read



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**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](#)

This Week ...

Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement Due Tuesday April 30

Tuesday April 30 is the deadline for Iowa libraries to renew participation in the **Enrich Iowa Program** for **FY2025**. Remember that **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.

Access the agreements for FY 2025 by clicking the button below, along with instructions. The **EI Agreement** is available as a digital form only, we no longer accept faxed copies. Scott Dermont is posting the **EI Agreements** as they are

received at the State Library, so you can track your library's status. Contact Scott with questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov This is an annual opt-in proposition, thanks for doing so!

[Sign Your Library's EI Agreement](#)

Webinars are on hiatus this week as State Library District staff gear up for **Director Roundtables next week**. Starting on May 7th and continuing throughout the merry month of May, there are **17 Director Roundtable dates and locations** to choose from. Click below for the best place to see all of them at a glance ...

[2024 Director Roundable Schedule](#)

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