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### Foundation Directory Sign-Up



#### June 28: Last Sign-Up For New Users

If you are not aware of the **Foundation Directory**, there's no time like the present to learn more about this resource. Especially because **June 28** will be the last opportunity to sign-up for access and be able to provide this valuable product to your

patrons. While the State Library will renew our contract with **Foundation Directory**, **we will no longer add new libraries to the group after June 28, 2024.**

The **Foundation Directory (FD)** is a research tool designed to help libraries and nonprofits find the grant-makers most likely to fund their projects. This tool includes grant-maker profiles with a summary of their work, along with all the details that fundraisers need to find prospective grant agencies.

**FD** is provided to all Iowa public libraries from the State Library at no cost. The State Library posts **Foundation Directory** usage statistics for all libraries, find those stats and more at the button below. Plus, find recordings of webinars that the State Library sponsored in recent years on our [Continuing Education YouTube Channel](#)

It's pretty easy to enroll: submit your library's IP information on a form linked on our webpage at the button below. Once you've done that, **FD** will contact library managers to provide further instructions on setting up access. **FD** authenticates through the library's IP address and because of that, it's available for in-library use only.

#### What's Included in the Foundation Directory

The **Foundation Directory** can be used by library staff themselves and also offered as a resource to patrons and local nonprofits. Iowa's public libraries have access to the "Essential Plan" which includes

- 100,000+ grant-maker profiles
- 500,000+ key decision makers and leaders
- Keyword search IRS 990-PF Forms
- Online workspace

Access to **Foundation Directory** is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa. The **Foundation Directory** is provided by the State Library to Iowa public libraries at no cost.

[Learn More About The Foundation Directory](#)



## Continuing Education in the Month of May

This is the month for **Director Roundtables** happening all around the state. But wait, there's more! **Continuing education** abounds for all library staff throughout May, here's what's ahead:

**Pop YS Live. Summer Library Resilience.**  
**May 15. 1:00-2:00PM**

Let's face it—Summer Reading can be rewarding and demanding at the same time. Join Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering to learn about what makes youth librarians resilient during this busy season and how to avoid burnout. She'll also discuss the pitfalls to avoid, as well as ways to make your Summer Library Program successful whether you're using a theme or no theme at all.

**Big Ideas Book Discussion. Talking on Eggshells.**  
**May 17. 9:30-11:00AM**

Our next **Big Ideas Book Discussion** title is Talking on Eggshells by Sam Horn. The subtitle lends a good description “*Soft Skills For Hard Conversations.*” In the workplace, we’re often faced with hard conversations. Some are anticipated, like bracing for tough job performance reviews. But many hard conversations happen unexpectedly, becoming unhappy encounters with patrons, co-workers, and colleagues.

If you ever left one of those situations thinking “*I should have said ... I wish I had said ...*” then this could be the book for you 😊 Author Sam Horn poses this question to readers: “*What if there were ways to confidently handle challenging situations in the moment—instead of thinking of the perfect response on the way home?!*”

### Lunch with the State Library. ALL about ILL. May 23. 12:15-12:45PM

This month’s **Lunch with the State Library** is ALL about ILL. That is to say, all about Interlibrary Loan. Tom Keyser and Dori Buls will take us through some best practices, tips, and tricks when using in-state ILL via SILO and IAShared, along with tips for using out-of-state ILL via OCLC. Especially if you’re new to your library job, log in to learn more

### Check it Out! May 28. 11:00AM-12:00PM

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.

[Register For The Above In IALearns](#)

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## A Webinar Series From RIPL

### 12 Months To Better Library Data

This is an ambitious online series of classes and with something for everyone. **12 Months To Better Library Data** includes curriculum from the **Research Institute For Public Libraries**, also known as **RIPL**. For seasoned library managers, for students of statistics, for all library staff who love to gather and analyze numbers, this multi-part series is sure to be valuable and loaded with CE credits. And bonus--it's free!



Made possible by funding from the Mellon Foundation, **12 Months To Better Library Data** teaches how to use statistics to better serve your community. The curriculum is based on these steps involved in conducting a program evaluation:

- **Identify** the purpose of your evaluation
- **Plan** your evaluation
- **Collect** data
- **Analyze** data
- **Use** data for management, program improvement, strategic planning, and advocacy

The first quarter of this series launched in March, but the second quarter is just ahead with the next grouping of classes showing below. And you can always go back and pick up recordings of any classes you may have missed. Here's the next round, with topics that sound perfect for including community input into strategic plans:

- [Creative Survey Design: Crafting Survey Instruments to Meet Your Library's Research and Evaluation Needs](#) June 5. 12:00-1:30PM CST
- [Building Bridges: Collecting Culturally Relevant Data](#) July 25. 12:00-1:30PM CST
- [Exploring Public Libraries Survey Data for Peer Comparisons](#) August 15. 11:30AM-1:00PM CST

Michelle Andersen, Director of Atlantic (IA) Public Library, shares this testimonial: *"I want to recommend these RIPL classes. I was able to attend one of their mini-conferences a few years ago and I learned so, so much! Highly recommended!"*

All classes are intended to be interactive; attendees are asked to come ready to participate in a variety of learning activities, some of which will occur in small group discussions in breakout rooms. These webinars will be recorded, and the recordings will be available within two business days of each session. But to receive the link to any of the recordings, you must first register for the webinars. Please contact [info@ripleffect.org](mailto:info@ripleffect.org) with questions.

[\*\*Learn More About 2024 RIPL Webinar Series\*\*](#)

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## This Week ...

### Director Roundtables Continue

**Director Roundtables 2024** kicked off last week and continue throughout May. All told, there were **17 Director Roundtable** dates and locations to choose from. The link below is the best place to see all of them at a glance and remind yourselves--and ourselves--of

where we're all headed. **Safe travels** 😊

**2024 Director Roundable Schedule**

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