



May 17, 2024

## News from the CE Team



### Apply Now for Grant to Attend the 2024 ARSL Conference in Springfield, MA

The State Library is excited to announce grants to four Iowa libraries to allow a librarian on staff to attend the [2024 Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\) Conference](#) in Springfield, MA, September 11-14, 2024. Each grant offers up to a \$1,500 reimbursement for registration, hotel, and transportation.

The purpose of the grants is to help Iowa libraries improve library service to their communities through continuing education and training for library personnel. The ARSL Conference is especially relevant to the majority of Iowa libraries, which serve populations under 2,500.

The grants will be issued to the **library** (not the individual traveling) in the form of a reimbursement of up to **\$1,500**. Other incidentals, such as meals, will need to be covered by the library or the employee. Because the conference is in the northeast, costs are anticipated to be at least \$2,000 this year.

These competitive grants have a short application form which will require a paragraph (200 words or less) explaining why you want to attend, what you hope to get from the conference and how you plan to share the information with your institution and the wider library community.

**See complete details about the grant program and access the link to apply by May 31, 2024 at the link below:**

[2024 ARSL Conference Grants](#)

2024  
**ALL IOWA  
READS**  
Virtual  
Author Visits  
*Register Now!*

*The Seed Keeper*



**DIANE WILSON**  
June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

*Tumble*



**CELIA C. PÉREZ**  
June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

*Hollow Fires*



**SAMIRA AHMED**  
June 12 at 4:00 p.m.

## All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visits

The three authors of the 2024 All Iowa Reads titles will appear in virtual visits this June. The visits are free and open to the public; registration is required. **These events are not offered for CE Credit.**

At each event, the author will be joined by a moderator to discuss their books, creative process, and hear questions from attendees. Attendees will have the option to submit a question ahead of time when registering, or may include a question in the chat during the event. Reading the author's All Iowa Reads title in advance is encouraged, but not required. The events will NOT be recorded.

The State Library is sponsoring these conversations to give all Iowans a chance to hear from the All Iowa Reads authors.

[Registration & More Information](#)

## Newly-Added Events

### FinTech?! Today's Best Practices to Help Older Patrons Stay Safe

Wednesday, June 26, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FinTech (Financial Technology) may leave even the techiest among us with spinning heads - and it changes almost daily! Your patrons are likely experiencing this as well, especially older patrons. In this webinar, presented by financial educator Joanne Kuster ([moneygodmotherblog.com](http://moneygodmotherblog.com)), we'll cover three areas of interest to older adults trying to understand, use, and stay safe in the new FinTech world:



- What financial activities are safe to do on a public computer or public wifi?
- How to simplify and declutter your financial life
- Staying safe when AI-generated scams are more clever than ever

Joanne will also take time to answer your questions about how to best help older patrons navigate financial concerns or issues. This webinar will be recorded.

[More Information & Registration](#)

## Lunch with the State Library (June 2024): Get Support & Stay Connected

Thursday, June 27, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Our final installment in the Lunch with the State Library series will largely feature the work of our outstanding Library Resource Technicians. These folks work hard (sometimes behind the scenes) to make sure the technology resources the State Library offers run as smoothly as possible. You'll hear about the work they do, and how they can help you interact with these resources. We'll close with a message from our Communications Specialist, Emily Bainter, about how to stay connected to the State Library and well informed on all of our goings-on!



[More Information & Registration](#)

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## Additional Upcoming Events



### 2024 Director Roundtables

Throughout May, In Each District

In continuation of our 2024 CE theme (Libraries are Forever), this year's Director Roundtables will look at examples of how library staff, boards, and supporters have shown libraries are here to stay: as partners in education and the arts, as valuable players in civic life, as trusted sources of information, and by designing great public places in cities large and small.

[More Information & Registration](#)



### Lunch with the State Library (May 2024): ALL about ILL

Thursday, May 23, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

This month's Lunch with the State Library is ALL about ILL... That is to say, entirely about interlibrary loan (ILL). Tom Keyser and Dori Buls will take us through some best practices and tips and tricks for in-state ILLs using SILO and IA Shares, and out-of-state ILLs using OCLC.

[More Information & Registration](#)



## Check it Out! (May 2024)

Tuesday, May 28, 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, the best books to use for storytimes, 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!

[More Information & Registration](#)

## Check it Out! (June 2024)

Tuesday, Jun. 25, 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, the best books to use for storytimes, 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 Kernel

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! Theater Camp

Join Maryann Mori (State Library of Iowa) and Cathy Van Maanen (Huxley Public Library) as they chat about Huxley's Theater Camp program.

- [View the Theater Camp Kernel](#)

[View All Kernels](#)



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## 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](#)

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## External CE Training Opportunities



The Maine State Library maintains a 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 Maine for compiling this list. Please confirm time zone when registering for an event

[Nationwide CE 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.

[Request for External CE Credit](#)

**As of January 1, 2024, hours earned through WebJunction will be automatically applied to your IA Learns account.** You can expect to see hours on your account on or near the 1st day of the following month. The completion date of your coursework in IA Learns will match your WebJunction certificate.

You do not need to fill out the Request for External CE Credit form for WebJunction content for any course. It will simply be added to your IA Learns transcript!



[Browse the WebJunction Course Catalog](#)

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