



July 26, 2024

News from the CE Team



Happy Friday! I talked to one library that had wrapped up summer library programming, and I was surprised to learn that, somehow, August was just a week away. Where does the time go? I have a few things to remind you of and let you know about at the top of this newsletter, so I'll get right to it.

First, IA Learns is transitioning to a new platform called Workday Learning. In case you missed the announcement in the last newsletter, you can find additional details and answers to some questions you might have on our website.

[IA Learns FAQs](#)

Second, save the date for the 2024 Learning Circuit: September 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We'll be discussing technologies that are already leaving lasting impacts on libraries of all sizes (looking at you, AI). Keep an eye on the webpage linked below, as well as State Library Communication channels for more information. We'll be gathering at an in-person location in each district.

[Learning Circuit](#)

Lastly, the new **Public Library Compensation Toolkit** has two webinars coming up. We hope that library staff and boards find the toolkit helpful! More information and links to register for the webinars are on our website.

Public Library Compensation Toolkit

My best for whatever stage of summer library programming you might find yourself in!
Sam Bouwers | CE Consultant

Additional Upcoming Events



Friending the Public Library: How Friends and Foundations Invest in the Library's Future

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

“Friends Groups” are an ideal way to develop a close-knit community of library advocates. But how do you get this group of potential advocates together, and what if the group proves to be less than friendly? Should your library have a Friends Group or a Foundation - or both? Learn the answers to these and other questions as the instructors provide information about how to start a group and keep it going. We'll also answer some common legal questions about these types of groups. Lastly, we'll showcase some successful and interesting examples of how libraries have developed and maintained their own Friends and Foundations. *This is a refresh of a webinar originally presented in 2017.*

More Information & Registration

Introducing the Public Library Compensation Toolkit

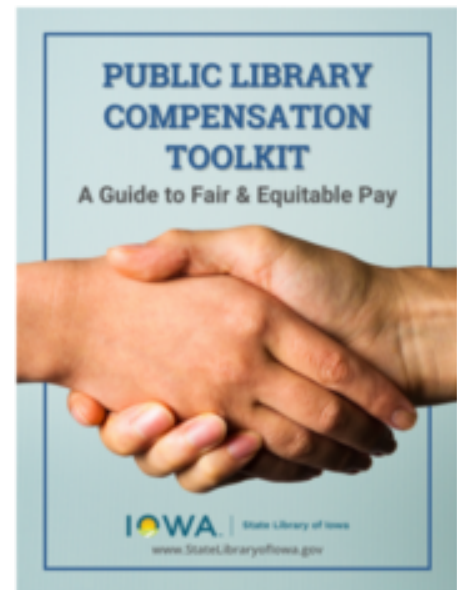
For Directors: Thursday, Aug. 8, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For Boards: Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

There's a new resource from the State Library of Iowa: The Public Library Compensation Toolkit. Intended for directors and boards, this toolkit is a resource to understand the value

library employees provide to the community and establish a basis for determining the fair market value of staff positions. **Board members and directors alike are welcome attend either training session; each will be recorded. Registration Links:**

- [For Directors: August 8](#)
- [For Boards: Aug. 22](#)



Pop YS Live (August 2024): Shake Up Your Storytimes

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Are your storytimes stuck in the same routine? Do you want to make your storytimes more engaging for kids and caregivers alike? Join us for another exciting Pop YS Live! This fun session will cover the best practices for engaging families and kids during and after storytime. We'll also share why integrating early literacy and school readiness activities benefits young children and resources to make your storytime planning a success!



[More Information & Registration](#)

Check it Out! (August 2024)

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 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](#)

Reliable Records Retention



Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A little paperwork adds up quickly over a few years, and perhaps you're wondering where you're going to store yet another year's worth of documentation. What DO you need to keep, and for how long must you save it? Learn "reliable records retention" information from Mandy Easter

of the State Law Library. *This is a refresh of a webinar originally presented in 2015.*

[More Information & Registration](#)



SUPERCHARGE YOUR STORYTIMES IN 2024!



Join the Supercharged Storytimes Cohort

Storytimes are a key part of so many early literacy initiatives in libraries, and yet it can be difficult to know if you're doing it "right." [Supercharged Storytimes](#) for All is a curriculum from WebJunction designed to "provide training in how to intentionally apply research-based practices to boost early literacy in young children attending library storytime."

Applications close Wednesday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. Selected candidates will be notified Friday, August 23.

We hope you'll consider joining us as we Supercharge storytimes around the state!

[More Information & Application](#)

New Kernels

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! There's More to the Story

Join Michelle Anderson (Atlantic Public Library) and Sam Bouwers (State Library of Iowa) as they chat about Atlantic Public Library's discussion club called "There's More to the Story" which challenges residents to difficult and thoughtful conversations.

- [View the "There's More to the Story" Kernel](#)

[View All Kernels](#)



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](#)

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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