

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener August 19, 2024

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### Learning Circuit Registration Is Open



#### "Trending Technology" Statewide September 26th

The State Library's annual fall continuing education event—**The Learning Circuit**—is coming up on **Thursday September 26**. This is a full-day of continuing education, actually a blended day including two keynote speakers joining via ZOOM. The day runs from **9:00AM-3:30PM**, the **cost is \$25.00** (includes continental breakfast and box lunch) Earn **5 CE credits** for the full day. **Registration is being handled through Seamless Docs at the button below.**

Virtually every library and library worker will be impacted by AI at some point in the near future. This event will help you feel more informed and prepared for changes to come. As in previous years, we'll have national experts Zooming in to set up the topics for us; your District Staff will be on hand to guide you through the hands-on portions of the day.

**Learning Circuits** happen simultaneously across the state, with each District hosting a location. This ensures a greater number of library staff statewide will have chance to attend. Our thanks to all the people overseeing local arrangements at each location:

- **Northwest:** Western Iowa Technical College in Cherokee
- **North Central:** Clear Lake Public Library
- **Northeast:** Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls
- **Southwest:** Carroll Public Library
- **Central:** Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library
- **Southeast:** North Liberty Public Library

#### About The Theme: Trending Technology and the Future of Your Library

Throughout 2024 we've discussed how "Libraries are Forever." We've seen how partnerships, sustainability, and thinking "green" all lead to the long-term success of

libraries. With the Learning Circuit, we'll pivot the discussion technologies that are already impacting libraries of all sizes.

The morning opens with a keynote address from librarian Philip Carter highlighting the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library service. He'll cover the basics of AI and what to watch for in this quickly-evolving field. In the afternoon, we'll have a chance to try our hand at using AI games and activities that will make us more AI-Savvy in the real world. And we'll finish the day with our closing keynote speaker Reed Hepler with a presentation on the ethics of AI.

**Register at the link below by Tuesday September 12.** The \$25.00 fee can be paid online by credit card or e-check; checks will also be accepted by mail but must be received by September 12. The registration fee is required whether eating meals or not. More information on the event, including specific location addresses, the full agenda, keynote speaker bios, and more are available on the [Learning Circuit webpage](#).

**Register The Learning Circuit 2024!**



### IAlearns Sunsets On August 23rd

Last month, this space in the **Eye-Opener** previewed important changes to the State Library's education catalog, currently **IAlearns**. Everything you used to do in **IAlearns** will soon be done on a new learning management platform called **WorkDay Learning**. State departments like the Dept of Administrative Services, the State Library's new department home, are all making this switch.

Continuing Education Consultant Samantha Bouwers has been working behind the scenes preparing for this transition and feels that *"you'll appreciate the cleaner look and easier user experience of the new system."* Now, Samantha has more details about the transition **from IAlearns to WorkDay Learning**.

**The most important thing to know is that beginning Friday August 23, IAlearns will no longer be accessible.**

### What Does This Mean For You?

- Continuing Education courses scheduled August 23 - September 30 will be pre-recorded by the CE Team and made available to registrants
- The Endorsement Program discussion sections in August and September will take place as normal; the CE Team will be in touch with the Zoom link and reminders
- Endorsement Program applications and requests for external CE credit will be on hold until the launch of Workday Learning. You can continue to take external CE

Courses, but the credits won't be applied to your account until after Workday Learning launches

## What Actions Do You Need To Take?

- Confirm your email address in IA Learns. We need your current email in order to communicate with you about your new Workday Learning account.
- Download your IA Learns transcript for your records. While we do not anticipate any hiccups in transferring your earned credits over to Workday Learning, you may want to have a record of your IA Learns credits to verify they all made it over. [Here's a video tutorial](#) on how to download and print your transcript.
- Complete any partially-finished courses in IA Learns by August 23. Your enrollments in those courses will transfer to Workday Learning, but any partial progress through those courses will not transfer over.
- Cancel any enrollments you do not wish to see transferred to Workday Learning. Transferring enrollments will be a manual process for us, so whatever we don't have to move is helpful for us.
- If you no longer use your IA Learns account and do not wish to see it migrated, email [LibContEd@iowa.gov](mailto:LibContEd@iowa.gov) to have it deactivated before our move.

**Timeline:** Our hope is to have the data migration and manual data entry pieces completed throughout September, with the official **Workday Learning launch in October**. Look for communications from us announcing any action needed from you at that time.

Webpages have been updated with this information, including additional FAQs. Be sure to reach out to us with questions and click the button below to read all about it!

[From IALearns To WorkDay Learning](#)

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This happy news is thanks to Janeé Jackson-Doering, State Library Youth Services Consultant. We now have more **STEM-To-Go Kits**, along with more **Storytime Kits**, all available to borrow from the State Library. Kits check out for 5 weeks.

**Among the new STEM Kits:** Build A Fort, Straw Building, Bulk Dominoes, and Premium Tower (Jenga) Game. These new additions join other STEM Kits including Let's Go Code, Jumbo Magnetic Tiles, and Building Contraptions, and several more. **Among the new themed Storytime Kits:** Shapes, At the Zoo, and Foods. These new additions join other Storytime Kits including Music Storytime, Parachute Play Kit, and Alphabet Mats—plus several more. And Janeé promises more kits will be added to our collection in the coming months 😊

## About The Kits

- Kits are only available to Iowa public libraries for use inside their library and are not intended for checkout by local patrons.
- They are available on a first-come-first-serve and cannot be reserved for specific dates.
- They will be sent to and from libraries via IA Shares
- Checkout period for the kits is five weeks, there is no option for renewals

## How To Borrow

Submit a request for kits within the [State Library catalog](#) by following these steps:

1. On the page linked at the button below, browse the collection of kits. For convenience, the links below each kit go directly to the catalog item record.
2. Once inside the State Library catalog, click the "Place Hold" link on the right side of the webpage.

3. Log in to your library's account in the [State Library catalog](#) with your Library's username and password. (Don't remember your library's login information? Contact the [State Library Reference Desk](#))
4. State Library staff receive the request and send the kits via IA Shares.

The link below allows you to browse the full collection of kits; the same webpage also displays detailed policy information. Janeé is happy to answer your questions, so don't hesitate to reach out [janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov](mailto:janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov)

*STEM-To-Go and Storytime Kits are made possible in part 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.*

[Browse the Kit Collection](#)

## This Week ...



### Application Deadline = August 21 SuperCharged Storytime Cohort

Youth services staff are encouraged to apply to join a **Supercharged Storytime Cohort**. What is that? It's 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 storytimes."*

State Library staff will be leading a cohort of 12-15 Iowa librarians through six modules of the curriculum **from September 6 - November 15**. The training, discussions, and resources in this curriculum will *supercharge* your storytimes to make them even better 😊

Complete schedule details, discussion topics and timing can be [viewed in this document](#). **Applications are due on Wednesday August 21 by 4:30PM**; selected candidates will be notified on Friday August 23. Lots more information at the button below.

[Supercharged Storytime Cohort—Apply Today](#)

### Pop YS Live: Shake Up Your Storytimes. August 21. 1:00-2:00PM. Online

Are your storytimes stuck in the same routine? Do you want to make your storytimes more engaging for kids and caregivers alike? Then join us for another exciting Pop YS Live with Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering. This 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.

## The Boardroom Series: Introducing the Public Library Compensation Toolkit. August 22. 6:00-7:00PM. Online

This webinar will introduce attendees to a new resource from the State Library: **The Public Library Compensation Toolkit**. Intended for directors and boards, this toolkit is a resource to understand the value that library employees bring to the community and establish a basis for determining the fair market value of library staff positions. Whether your board is hiring a new director or you're handling something a bit simpler – like freshening job descriptions – the new toolkit offers great guidance. This webinar will explain how this came about, how to use it, and why it's sure to be a valuable go-to resource for library boards.

About the **Boardroom Series**: In these sessions, we aim to inform and encourage Iowa library trustees. We present best practices and current trends in library board service. Participation in these webinars helps satisfy Standard #8: *"All members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year."*

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