



September 2024

Hope you're enjoying the crisp mornings and warm afternoons! **Here's the September 2024 Director Digest:**



October Space Planning Workshops

We're pleased to welcome back space planning expert David Vinjamuri for a series of three in-person workshops in Spencer, Altoona, and Coralville this October. Bring a floorplan and learn how to maximize your library space so it serves you better, even on a limited budget. We hope you'll join us!

[Find Out More & Register by Oct. 7](#)

Summer Library Program Survey Now Open



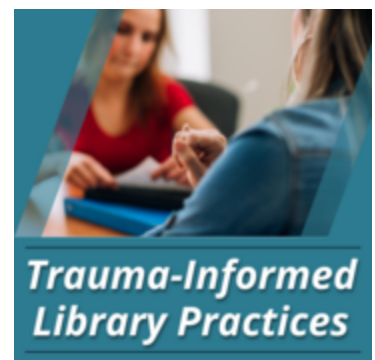
Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering has just opened the 2024 Summer Library Program Survey. Submit the survey by **Friday, Oct. 11** for a chance to win a prize pack of books for your library!

[Take the Summer Library Survey](#)

Social Work Grant Project Update

This week we shared some exciting updates about our social work grant project from IMLS, including a new name and the opportunity to sign up now to attend monthly reflective practice groups with fellow librarians. We also announced a Trauma-Informed Endorsement Track and upcoming Mental Health First Aid Training.

[Read the Announcement](#)



AtMail Email Service Discontinuing

In case you missed it, last month State Librarian Michael Scott announced that the State Library is discontinuing email service for public libraries as of May 1, 2025. We're here to help you through this transition and have prepared resources to navigate your options, move your AtMail archive, and transfer your email domain (if desired). **Please be sure to contact your LRT for one-on-one assistance and to report when your library has moved to a new service.**

Email Service Transition Resources

Changes to Iowa Code Chapter 21 Related to Electronic Meetings for Boards

We wanted to make sure directors are aware that the 2024 state legislature amended Iowa Code section 21.8, entitled "Electronic meetings," effective July 1, 2024: ***A governmental body shall provide for hybrid meetings, teleconference participation, virtual meetings, remote participation, and other hybrid options for the members of the governmental body to participate in official meetings.***

The Iowa Public Information Board issued a formal Advisory Opinion that interprets the changes to the law, linked below. You can also reach out to your District Consultant with questions.

Chapter 21 - Recent Law Changes

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

State Library Learning Circuit

The Learning Circuit will occur at six locations across the state on **Thursday, September 26**. [Register by tomorrow, September 12!](#)

2024 Summer Library Survey

Complete the survey by **Friday, October 11**.

ILA Conference

Stop by our booth and say hello to any State Library staff members you see at the ILA Conference in Des Moines **Wednesday, October 9 through Friday, October 11**.

Workday Learning Launch

Although we're not sure of the *exact* date yet, we are looking forward to the launch of the new Workday Learning in October. Watch Library Talk and the CE Newsletter for more details coming soon!



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