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News from the CE Team



Happy Fall!

If you know me well, you know I'm never excited to see summer go! But the past month has been so joy-filled I've hardly been sad about the cooler mornings and shorter days. I've included some recent highlights above! From the top left:

- The so-fun rotunda of the newly-remodeled Billings (MT) Public Library. You can also just see the corner of their book bike peeking out.
- Most of the Iowa librarians able to travel to ARSL in Springfield, MA last week (In front of a *Oh the Places You'll Go* sculpture at the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum).
- The Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University (a snap captured by my husband on a day trip out of Springfield).
- Springfield Public Library's bright and inviting children's area in the central branch.

- A super cute reading nook at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art (highly recommend if you're ever in the area!)
- My 5 year old so excited to get his first library card from Miss Sam at Des Moines Public Library (he claims she is his favorite librarian named Sam, and I hardly begrudge her this fact).

Will we see you at a Learning Circuit next week? I hope so! Hot on the heels of the Learning Circuit we'll have our Space Planning Workshops (registration closes Oct. 7) and the Workday Learning Launch (which will include two new endorsements related to Trauma-Informed Library Practices). Read on for more information!

My Best

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2024 Space Planning Workshops Registration Closes Soon!

October 21 in Spencer | October 22 in Altoona | October 23 in Coralville

All locations: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join NYU professor David Vinjamuri (author of *Library Space Planning: A PLA Guide*), architect Joe Huberty (co-author of *The Practical Handbook of Library Architecture*), and Iowa Librarian Zach Row-Heyveld (Assistant Director at the Decorah Public Library) to learn how to maximize your library space so it serves you better, even on a limited budget.

This will be a hands-on workshop: please bring a floorplan of your space to use during exercises. The workshop has several essential parts:

- **Understanding Needs:** How to know patrons' needs; ideas of how to partner with municipalities and community service organizations to make this easier
- **Collection Strategy:** Create a collection that has breadth and diversity, but still leaves more room for patrons
- **Merchandising and Optimizing:** Increase circulation with better merchandising of collection materials
- **Case Study:** Learn how the Decorah Public Library achieved a 40% increase in adult collection circulation without renovating
- **Analytics for Reorganizing Space:** Ideas of how to analyze your space and make it work to better meet library and patron needs
- **5 Secrets for Maintaining Your Library:** How to maximize the life of your library building and reduce maintenance costs

The cost for registration is \$20 and includes a buffet lunch. Register by October 7!

[More Information & Registration](#)



New Endorsement Tracks Coming

The State Library will be adding an online video-based endorsement track available through Workday Learning (set to launch October 2024) to help support library workers to address the needs of high-needs patrons as well as create healthy, supportive work environments. This free, self-directed learning opportunity can be completed at the convenience of staff and includes two separate sets of modules, one for staff in administrative or supervisory roles and one for non-administrative staff.

About the Modules

Both sets of modules include information about the changing needs of patrons, how these needs impact staff, and trauma-informed strategies that can help with patrons who have social service-related needs. They include information about:

- Trauma-informed care in a library context
- Setting and enforcing boundaries
- Organizational practices for supporting wellness of staff
- Strategies for responding to and reducing behavioral problems that occur with patrons

The administrative/supervisory modules also include additional content on:

- Leadership strategies for supporting staff
- Building community collaborations that can help libraries with these needs
- Strategies for increasing buy-in and support from local administrators, funders, or boards

Modules also include additional resources to help staff apply their learning in their own library contexts, including handouts and reflection questions to consider individually or with their colleagues.

Additional details on how to access the modules will be available after the launch of Workday Learning! Keep an eye on this newsletter and other State Library communication channels for more information.

[More Information On Trauma-Informed Library Practices](#)

Workday Learning Updates

The CE Team is hard at work migrating data from IA Learns to Workday. We appreciate your patience during the transition! We still don't have a firm date from the technical team on when user accounts will be created, but we will be in touch with account holders as soon as we know more.

In the meantime, you are still welcome to [view CE from other providers](#) and let us know about the hours using the [Request for External CE Hours form](#). We'll save the submissions and make sure the hours are added to your Workday Learning account before we go live.

We'll continue to do our best to keep the transition FAQ page up-to-date! And of course, email LibContEd@iowa.gov with your questions.

[IA Learns Transition Information](#)

External CE Training Opportunities

During the transition into Workday Learning you are still welcome to view external CE and submit your hours. You will see hours reflected on your Workday Learning account after the system launches.



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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