



October 2024

It was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you at the ILA Conference last week! **Here's the October 2024 Director Digest:**



FY26 Accreditation/Tier Status Deferment & Where to Find Legal Resources

Yesterday, State Librarian Michael Scott announced two upcoming staff retirements: Scott Dermont & Mandy Easter. With Scott's departure, the decision was made for Accreditation and Tier Status applications to be deferred for one year. The message also provided links to resources related to library and Iowa's laws that you can reference in the interim following Mandy's departure.

[Read the Announcement](#)

Workday Learning Launch

Workday Learning officially launched yesterday! Workday Learning replaces IA Learns, the State Library's CE Catalog and Webinar Archive. If you had an active account in IA Learns, you should have received an email yesterday with instructions on activating your Workday Learning account. Find out more and access FAQs below; you can also direct questions to LibContEd@iowa.gov.



[Workday Learning Transition Information](#)

The People's Law Library Expands Resources with New Voting Law Topic



As the 2024 election approaches, the People's Law Library of Iowa has launched a new research topic dedicated to Voting Law. This timely addition offers Iowans easy access to essential information about voting rights, voter registration, election processes, and legal protections for voters.

[Read the News Item](#)

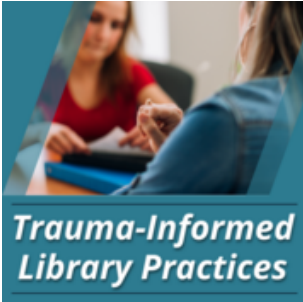
State Library Welcomes IMLS Officer for 5-Year Site Visit

Last month, we were pleased to welcome Dennis Nangle, Senior Program Officer with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a site visit to review IMLS-funded programs the State Library offers to Iowa libraries and the public. Thanks to the library directors at Marion, West Liberty, Swisher, Solon, and Ely public libraries for allowing us to visit and tour their libraries!

[Read More About the Site Visit](#)



Reminder: Sign Up for Reflective Practice Groups



Reflective Practice Groups for the Trauma Informed Library Practices grant project have kicked off! These groups, facilitated by Alyssa Caldbeck, MSW, LISW, focus on creating a safe space to share and reflect on personal experiences at work, gain social support from others in similar roles, and continuously learn new perspectives and skills. Six different groups are meeting monthly through the end of the grant project. Find out more and sign up for a group that's right for you:

[Sign Up for Reflective Practice Groups](#)

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines



2025 All Iowa Reads Titles Announcement TOMORROW!

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10:00 a.m. | Listen LIVE on [Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa](#)

iREAD Summer Reading 2025 Preview

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. | [Register in Workday Learning](#)

Deadline: Public Library Annual Survey

Thursday, Oct. 31 | [Annual Survey Information](#)

State Library Offices Closed

Monday, Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day



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