



November 2024

Here's the November 2024 Director Digest from the State Library:



State Library Leadership Change

Effective November 7, 2024, Brenda Hall was appointed interim State Librarian of Iowa. Michael Scott is no longer employed by the State of Iowa.

Brenda earned her Masters of Education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2004 and her Masters of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University in 2012. Additionally, Brenda has 20 years of experience working in various roles in public libraries, including serving as the State of Iowa Library Program Director since 2022. You can reach Brenda at Brenda.Hall@iowa.gov.

Submit a Session Proposal for ILOC 2025

The State Library's annual Iowa Libraries Online Conference (ILOC) will be held Thursday, Jan. 30! The 2025 theme is *Assess, Adapt, Act: Making Evaluation Count*; registration is set to open in early December. Do you have an idea for a session on statistics or evaluations and how to make them useful? **Submit a proposal to the form below by Monday, Nov. 25!**



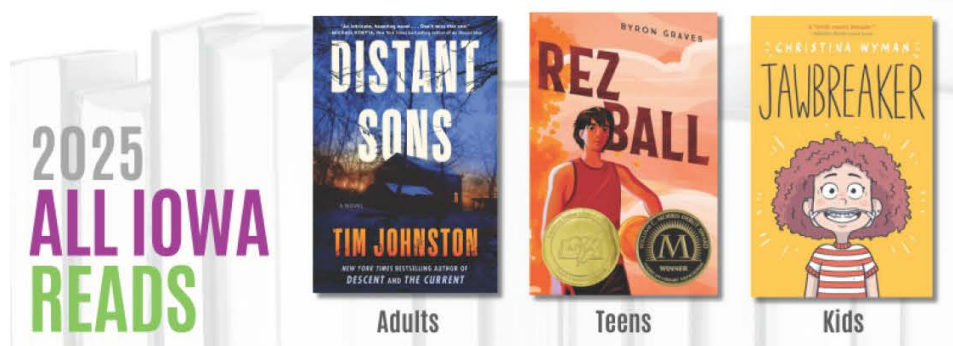
[ILOC Call for Proposals Form](#)



iREAD Summer Reading Resource Guide Download Instructions Sent

Last week on Wednesday, Nov. 6 an email was sent to directors containing a redemption code and instructions for downloading the iREAD 2025 Summer Reading Program Resource Guide. Please note the State Library has purchased **one** Resource Guide per library and the code must be redeemed before June 1, 2025. Read the entire message at the link below and please share it with the staff member in charge of your summer reading program.

[Resource Guide Download Message to Directors](#)



2025 AIR Winners (& Webinar Save the Dates)

Last month we announced the three titles for 2025 All Iowa Reads programs live on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa!*

- The adult selection is *DISTANT SONS* by Tim Johnston.
- The teen selection is *REZ BALL* by Byron Graves.
- The kids' selection is *JAWBREAKER* by Christina Wyman.

Save the dates for the **AIR Author Presentation Webinar** on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and the **AIR Exploring the Shortist Webinar** on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Registration is set to open soon!

[Find out more about All Iowa Reads](#)

Join us for STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits in March



We're excited to bring back STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits in March! Held during odd years, STEM Fairs give librarians ideas on how to incorporate STEM concepts at their library and connect in person with fellow librarians. The Summer Reading Summits provide an in-person opportunity for librarians to meet and put the finishing touches on their summer reading programs.

Each district will host a STEM Fair and Summer Reading Summit event. Dates and locations have been posted on the event pages below; more information and registration will be coming soon!

- [STEM Fairs](#)
- [Summer Reading Summits](#)

Reports Posted to the Iowa Library Directory

If you've recently visited the Iowa Library Directory, you may have noticed some new links at the top of the homepage. The State Library has moved some reports that were previously on the State Library website to the Directory, including Accreditation and Tier Status, Enrich Iowa Funding Amounts, Bridges Fees, and more. This makes the reports easier to find and reinforces the Directory's purpose as the definitive resource for information about Iowa libraries.

[Access the Iowa Library Directory](#)

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

Summer Reading 2025 Jump Start Webinar

Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | [Register in Workday Learning](#)

Deadline: ILOC Call for Proposals

Monday, Nov. 25 | [Submit an ILOC Proposal](#)

State Library Offices Closed

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 29 | Thanksgiving



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