



December 2024

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your support and encouragement throughout 2024. Wishing you peace, happiness, and a wonderful start to the new year!

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

Registration Now Open for ILOC 2025

ILOC returns Thursday, Jan. 30! The 2025 theme is **Assess, Adapt, Act: Making Evaluation Count**. Join us for a full day of learning (and consider scheduling a board training during the evening keynote!) to consider why we collect statistics and evaluations and how we make them useful. Keynotes and full schedule will be announced soon!



[Register for ILOC](#)

Join Us for the 2025 All Iowa Reads Authors Webinar on Jan. 14



Join us as we officially launch the 2025 All Iowa Reads program on **Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m to noon!** The authors of the 2025 titles will discuss their books and answer questions live. Attendees will also get a brief overview of the resources available from the State Library to support All Iowa Reads events at their library.

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Webinar](#)

New Director Meetups Kick Off in January

State Library District Consultants are teaming up to invite new directors to attend online New Director Meetups starting in January. The events will take place three times a year in winter, spring, and fall, with the idea to extend early conversations with new people by meeting and talking about library management in more detail. The first gathering will be **Tuesday, January 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** No registration required, join the Meetup via the link below at the designated time:

[New Director Meetups Zoom Link](#)



Present at a District STEM Fair this March



Do you or a staff member have an exciting STEM program the kids go wild for at your library? Consider submitting a proposal to present at a STEM Fair in your district this March! Applicants must be available to present their session twice on the same day (once in the morning, and once in the afternoon). **Find out more and complete the form at the link below by Friday, Jan. 10:**

[Submit a STEM Fair Proposal](#)

Wi-Fi Hotspots Now Eligible for E-Rate Funding

Starting in Funding Year 2025, Wi-Fi hotspots and mobile wireless internet services that can be used off-premises will be eligible for E-Rate funding. This will allow libraries to start or continue Wi-Fi hotspot lending programs for patron checkouts. Click the link below to find out more, including how to request assistance on your E-Rate application.

[Find Out More About E-Rate & Hotspots](#)

Apply to Serve on the Commission of Libraries

The Iowa Commission of Libraries currently has four vacancies for different types of library representatives to be appointed by Governor Reynolds. Please consider serving by applying via the Iowa Talent Bank or share with any trustees or academic librarians you know who may be interested.

Members needed:

- Public Librarian (two vacancies)
- Academic Librarian
- Public Library Trustee



[Apply via the Iowa Talent Bank](#)

Enrich Iowa Funding Sent

Checks and direct deposits for Open Access & Interlibrary Loan are currently in process and should be in the mail within the next week. Direct State Aid funding was sent earlier this fall in October. Please deposit checks as soon as possible to ensure the entire Enrich Iowa appropriation is expended.

Questions? Contact Linda Choate at Linda.Choate1@iowa.gov or 515-281-8947.

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

Holiday Closure: Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 25 & Thursday, Dec. 26

Deadline: Endorsement Renewal Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 31 | [Endorsement Information](#)

Holiday Closure: New Year's Day

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Deadline: STEM Fairs Proposals

Friday, Jan. 10 | [Proposal Form](#)

All Iowa Reads Kickoff Webinar

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:00 a.m. - noon | [Register Now](#)

New Director Online Meetup

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | [Join via Zoom](#)



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