



January 2024

Happy New Year! Here's the first Director Digest of 2025.



### Register Now for STEM Fairs & Summer Reading Summits this March

We're excited to once again offer in-person STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits across the state this spring! STEM Fairs give librarians ideas on how to incorporate STEM concepts at their library, while Summer Reading Summits are designed to help you put the finishing touches on your plans for Summer Library programming. Both events offer the opportunity to connect with fellow librarians! Feel free to forward this email on to your youth staff who may be interested in attending.

Read more and find out how to register for one or both events:

[2025 STEM Fairs & Summer Reading Summits News Item](#)

### Board Training Opportunity: ILOC on Thursday, Jan. 30

ILOC's evening keynote from 6 to 7 p.m. is an excellent opportunity to gather your board members for a training session. The 2025 evening keynote speaker is Kevin Unrath from the Vermont Department of Libraries, whose session is titled *Evaluating Your Library's Value Beyond Cost-Benefit Analysis*.

Whether you join us in the evening or all day long, you're sure to come away inspired by the 2025 theme: **Assess, Adapt, Act: Making Evaluation Count**. See the full schedule and register today!



[ILOC 2025 Schedule & Registration](#)

### Now Available: Report on Uses and Impacts of \$2.4M Enrich Iowa Funding for Libraries

A report outlining the uses and impacts of the more than \$2.4 million Iowa libraries received in Fiscal Year 2024 through Enrich Iowa funding is now available. Enrich Iowa funding is appropriated annually by the Iowa Legislature and funds the Open Access, Interlibrary Loan and Direct State Aid programs available to Iowa libraries.



[Find Out More & Access the Report](#)

## All Iowa Reads: Exploring the Shortlists Webinar Feb. 18

This week, we kicked off the 2025 All Iowa Reads program with the authors of this year's titles. If you missed it, the recording will be available soon to watch.

Join us for another All Iowa Reads webinar on **Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11:00 a.m.** as we explore the shortlists for 2025. Hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the Adults, Teen, and Kids programs. You'll also hear ideas for spotlighting these titles and the finalists in your library.

[Register in Workday Learning](#)



## Start the Year Right: Update Your Library's Directory Information

With the start of a new year, it's a great time to review your library's details in the Iowa Library Directory. The Directory is the definitive resource the State Library uses to track information about Iowa libraries and is also available for the public to locate and connect with their local public library. We rely on you to keep certain information about your library up to date, including director name and contact info, trustee information, hours of operation, and more.

**Find instructions on logging into the Directory and how to request your login information if you don't currently have it at the link below:**

[Iowa Library Directory Info & Instructions](#)

## Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

### Holiday Closure: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 20

### Iowa Libraries Online Conference

Thursday, Jan. 30



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