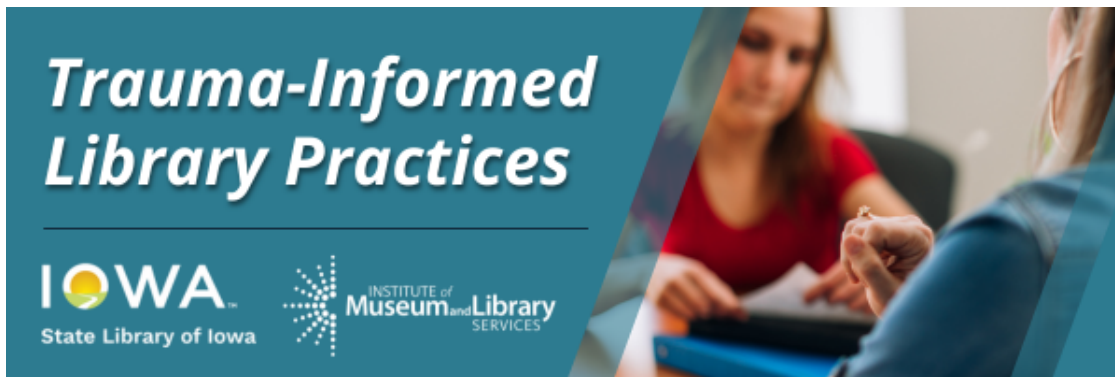




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News from the CE Team



Enroll in a Trauma-Informed Library Services Endorsement

Late last year, the State Library added endorsement tracks for Staff and Administration to help support library workers to address the psychosocial needs of patrons as well as create healthy, supportive work environments. This free, self-directed learning opportunity can be completed at your convenience 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.

How to Access the Endorsement

Complete the Endorsement Application form at the link below. If you've previously completed an Endorsement, note that you need to indicate "Add to or Change Your Endorsement" on the application form and you'll get to skip the Core Courses! Once your application is submitted, a member of the CE Team will enroll you in the appropriate courses in Workday Learning.

[Apply for a Trauma-Informed Library Services Endorsement](#)

Newly-Added Events



Friday Tech Focus (February 2025) | NotebookLM: Your New Digital Sidekick

Friday, Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meet NotebookLM, maybe your newest (and most tireless) research assistant!

Think of it as a supercharged notetaker, a friendly brainstorming buddy, and a master of all things organized. Whether you're chasing the elusive perfect program idea, drafting policies, or managing your research, NotebookLM can help.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Big Ideas Book Discussion (February 2025) | Meet Me at the Library: A Place to Foster Social Connection and Promote Democracy

Friday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The 2025 Big Ideas Book Discussion series kicks off with *Meet Me at the Library: A Place to Foster Social Connection and Promote Democracy* by Shamichael Hallman. The subtitle speaks to the enduring attributes of America's public libraries as places that build community connections and uphold democratic principles.

[More Information & Registration](#)



STEM Fairs

In Person, Throughout March

This half-day, in-person workshop is designed to familiarize you with local resources to expand your library's STEM offerings and give you an opportunity to steal (ahem, borrow) ideas from colleagues in your district.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Summer Reading Summits

In Person, Throughout March

The State Library Summer Reading Summits are designed to help you put the finishing touches on your plans for Summer Library Programming. We'll talk about the importance of summer learning for kids and teens, best practices for summer programming, and have plenty of time to network and hear from each other.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



Check it Out (January 2025)

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check it Out! is a monthly webinar series from the State Library of Iowa spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will share collection development tips, programming ideas, the best books to use for storytimes, and of course, new titles galore for kids and teens. This is a fun, fast-paced session that will fill both your library shelves and your TBR list!

[More Information & Registration](#)



ILOC 2025: Assess, Adapt, Act: Making Evaluation Count

Thursday, Jan. 30, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This online conference will encourage attendees to consider why we collect statistics and evaluations and how we make them useful. Attendees are welcome to attend however many or few live sessions as work for their schedule.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Pop YS Live (February 2025): Storytime on the Go

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Unlock the full potential of early literacy programming by taking storytime outside the library building! This webinar will help librarians expand their community impact through storytime outreach. In this session, you'll discover best practices for selecting books and activities that resonate with different age groups, techniques for adapting storytime for non-traditional spaces, and strategies for fostering meaningful connections with partner organizations like schools, daycares, and community centers.

[More Information & Registration](#)



All Iowa Reads 2025: Exploring the Shortlists

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This hour-long webinar will introduce you to the 2025 All Iowa Reads shortlists for Adults, Teens, & Kids. You'll hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the shortlisted books for Adults, Kids and Teens. Attendees will also hear ideas for

spotlighting these titles and the All Iowa Reads finalists in your library.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Open Meetings & Records: Compliance is the Law

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Public library boards are subject to Iowa's Open Records and Open Meetings laws. In this session, representatives from the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) will

provide an overview of the legal requirements and best practices for boards to comply with these laws in order to maintain transparency. The session will cover such topics as compliance with posting of meetings, public comment, requests for records, how and when library boards can go into closed sessions, and avoiding legal pitfalls.

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Building Bridges for Mental Health: Creating a Toolkit for Effective Community Partnerships

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mental health is a pressing issue that touches every community, and libraries are uniquely positioned to help. This session will introduce the Mental Health

Information & Community Partnerships Toolkit, a practical resource developed by the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM). Participants will explore how the toolkit can support libraries and organizations in fostering effective partnerships to address mental health needs.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Webinar Archive: Two Ways to View

[For Credit: Workday Learning](#)



View courses in Workday Learning and complete the evaluation to see the CE Hours on your All Completed Hours and Endorsement Tracker Reports. To enroll in courses: Find the "Learning" app, choose "Discover," then finally "Browse Learning." Contact the CE Team for help navigating Workday (LibContEd@iowa.gov)

[Workday Learning Login](#)

To Audit: YouTube

If you don't track CE hours, or only want to view for informational purposes, you can also view recorded webinars on the State Library of Iowa CE Team YouTube Channel. Subscribe for alerts when new content is added!



[State Library CE YouTube Channel](#)

External CE Training Opportunities



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](#)

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[Browse the WebJunction Course Catalog](#)



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