



January 31, 2025

That's a Wrap on ILOC!



Thank you for attending!

I personally love ILOC for the little pep of excitement it brings to the end of January. What a great day we had hearing from in-practice librarians and national experts about how they apply lessons learned from regular evaluation to improve library services in their community.

And, I get a few fun pictures out of the day! We asked for folks to send in "How do you ILOC?" pics and had some great responses, from four-legged friends to new circ desks and display prep, you did not disappoint.

If you missed the live event, everything was recorded. We're processing the recordings, and will be sure to post here when they're ready for viewing in Workday Learning.

Did you snap a pic of your pets, staff, or board gathered to watch? It's not too late to send it to LibContEd@iowa.gov and we'll add it to the album!

Again, thanks to everyone who came! Hope to see you soon.
Sam Bouwers | CE Consultant

[View the "How do you ILOC" Gallery](#)

Newly-Added Event



Summer Library Programming 2025: Adult Programming & Materials

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"Level Up" your summer reading program by including adults! Learn lots of great ideas for programming you can use any time (but especially with this year's summer reading theme), including programs for adults and families (with many programs being suitable for teen

audiences, too).

[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



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](#)



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.

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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.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Check it Out (February 2025)

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 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](#)



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](#)



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](#)



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](#)

Webinar Archive: Two Ways to View



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[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.

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