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STEM Fairs & Summer Reading Summits Kickoff March 3



Join us at an event near you

Space remains at each STEM Fair and Summer Reading Summit. We'd love to have you join us. See how much fun folks had last year in the above picture? You won't want to miss these!

STEM Fairs: Hands-on learning for inexpensive STEM programming

Are you new to STEM and need some inspiration to get started programming in your library? Or are you already doing STEM activities and need some fresh ideas to keep attendees interested? If you answered "yes" to either of those questions, please join us for a Librarian STEM Fair!

[More Information & Registration](#)

Summer Reading Summits: Polish Summer planning and network with other librarians

Taking place the day following the STEM Fair, the 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](#)

Quick Youth Services programming note: Pop YS Live and Check it Out will be on break while Janeé's traveling for these events. We'll see you again for our usual webinars in April!

Newly-Added Events



Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a course designed to teach individuals how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults aged 18 and older. The training provides participants with the skills to offer initial assistance and guide individuals toward appropriate professional help when necessary.

Virtual Events:

- Tuesday, March 4, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Person Event:

- Friday, April 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Des Moines)

[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



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](#)

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](#)



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](#)



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). We'll even have a special focus on reaching adults ages 20-30. In addition to programming, we'll discuss promotion, prizes, and more.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Webinar Archive: Two Ways to View



For Credit: Workday Learning

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[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.

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