



April 11, 2025

CE Happenings



Southwest Tour

I was so excited last month to travel out of Des Moines and visit four different libraries in the Southwest District. Images are arranged clockwise from the top-left:

- **Red Oak Public Library:** So much of the library was clearly well-loved community space. Like this picture, with shelving around the edges of the room, and loads of gathering space in the center.
- **Malvern Public Library:** I couldn't get over the quality of the art at the Malvern library (and indeed, throughout the town of Malvern!). I loved the mural in the Children's area, and would happily book a meeting in their community room just to look at the pictures displayed there.
- **Glenwood Public Library:** Games galore! I thought this little nook of library space, turned into a teen board game center was a great idea! Right off this room is another great & well-loved teen space.
- **Lakin Library & Envisioning Center (Tabor):** I went to see a traveling Smithsonian exhibit on display (which was **very** cool), but ended up completely sidetracked by Dawn's swoon-worthy STEM supply closet. Will she be annoyed I posted a picture of her storage room? Probably. Do I also think she might run one of the best-supplied libraries to do STEM programming at a moment's notice? Definitely.

Thanks to Kathi, Christina, Tara, & Dawn for letting me drop in! I'm sure I'll have more pictures to post next month after I head to a few Director Roundtables. Will I see you at one?

Newly-Added Events



Director Roundtables 2025

15 in-person events throughout May

The 2025 Director Roundtables will give attendees an opportunity to further dig into our 2025 education theme: **Assess, Adapt, Act**. With that focus, we'll explore strategies for assessing library services and the critical connections between program evaluations, staff performance reviews, and board engagement.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Upcoming Events



Check it Out (April 2025)

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 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!

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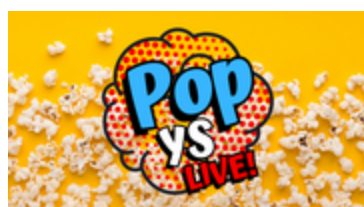


Level Up Your Summer Reading Book Lists for All Ages

Thursday, Apr. 24, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Join Janeé and Sam for a romp through one of the best-kept secrets of the iREAD Resource Guide... The Bibliographies! We'll do a little book talking for all ages, a little brainstorming of display ideas, and a lot of nerding out.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Pop YS Live (May 2025): Organizing Recruited Presenters

Tuesday, May 13, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This month's Pop YS Live will feature an all-inclusive look at working with outside presenters in your library. We'll start with some recruitment and contracting best

practices, including program agreements for expectation setting and a checklist to give your presented events their best chance of success.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Big Ideas Book Discussion (May, 2025) | Slow Productivity: The Lost Art of Accomplishment Without Burnout

Friday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This book challenges the mindset that motivates many tech companies: “move fast and break things.” Instead, Newport’s advice leads readers and workers to an easier place by adopting these three principles: Do Fewer Things, Work at a Natural Pace, Obsess Over Quality.

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Check it Out (May 2025)

Tuesday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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New Kernels

Kernels is an ongoing series of prerecorded videos from the State Library of Iowa. Each installment in the series offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature in practice librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit & apply that idea in their library.

Kernels! Iowa PBS and the Farmer's Market Program

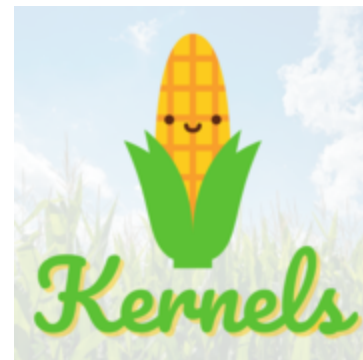
Join Janeé Jackson-Doering (State Library of Iowa), Kayla Rothmeyer (Perry Public Library), and Trista Peitzman & Nicki Mullins (Iowa PBS) as they chat about the Farmer's Market program developed by Iowa PBS that libraries can use in their own communities.

- [View the Farmer's Market Kernel](#)

Kernels! Starting an Adult Summer Reading Program

Join Mary Markwalter (Mason City Public Library) and Sam Bouwers (State Library) as they chat about how Mason City launched a "first in the nation" adult summer reading program 15 years ago.

- [View the Adult Summer Reading Program Kernel](#)



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[State Library CE YouTube Channel](#)

External CE Training Opportunities



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LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

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.

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