Welcome to the ILA Newsletter

The Iowa Library Association is experimenting with a new type of newsletter using the service TinyLetter. This issue is our third of 2017. We encourage you to send us your stories, events, programs, awards, and all other great accomplishments from your libraries, staff members, and patrons. You can drop us a note any time you like with this link: http://bit.ly/ShareILANews.

We also encourage you to help us think of a name for this new newsletter. The Catalyst served us well for many years, but we are open to the idea of renaming our publication. Send in your ideas to any member of the Executive Board or contact a member of the ILA Communications Committee. You can also make a suggestion via our http://bit.ly/ShareILANews link as well. Plus you can always find us on Facebook and on Twitter.

ILA Fall Conference Announcement

The annual Iowa Library Association Conference will be held October 18-20 at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville. The theme this year is Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success. Libraries are often champions of inclusion in the broadest terms. Whether it is the library seeking inclusion with administrators or processes, the inclusion of new policies, procedures, materials or programs, or welcoming users who seek to be included in what the library has to offer. This conference is an opportunity to showcase how libraries and our communities succeed when we seek inclusion in all these ways.

The conference will kick off on Wednesday, October 18 with three excellent pre-conferences. The Association for College and Research Libraries is sponsoring “Succession Planning and Mentoring for all Libraries” which will cover organizational culture, mentoring, and professional and personal development. Another pre-conference session is “Askable Adults Matters”, a training program regarding sexual and reproductive health for professionals who work with young people. Lastly, “Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success: A Pre-conference in
3 parts” will feature presenters from Together We Play who will talk about ways to be truly inclusive in library programming and services for individuals with disabilities. In the second part, the Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa will talk about their Storybook Project, an outreach program that connects families through books that are read aloud by an incarcerated person, recorded, and then shared with their children. The final part focuses on diversity in the workforce and recruiting a diverse staff.

Wednesday evening the University of Iowa’s School of Library and Information Science will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Reception at the conference center, and on Friday there will be an Open House and Library Tour on campus. Register for the events at http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/UIConferences/meetings.aspx?cnfcode=17-291-01.

Thursday morning’s keynote presentation is by Merriam-Webster lexicographer Kory Stamper whose debut book of Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries was published earlier this year. On Friday the opening session will be presented by Jody Gray, the director of the American Library Association’s Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach services, on the importance of equity and diversity in library programming, services, and outreach. Michelle Hoover, author of the 2017 All Iowa Reads selection Bottomland, will close out the conference with a presentation during Friday’s luncheon.

We are very excited about the concurrent sessions that will be offered on Thursday and Friday. Many of the programs reflect the conference theme such as Inclusive Learning, Sensory Storytime, “White Pages, White Faces”, Intergenerational Programming, Inclusive Spaces, and Moving Beyond Queer Acceptance. There will also be sessions on Pop Culture Programming, Customer Service Training, Fake News, Passive Readers’ Advisory, Digital Audio Collections, Coding Clubs for Kids, Open Access, Mapping School Library Data, Book Mobiles, and more. The Planning Committee worked very hard to include something for everyone this year!

There are plenty of wonderful opportunities to explore in the Coralville area, such as the Museum of Natural History, the Iowa Children’s Museum, the Devonian Fossil Gorge, Hancher Auditorium, and of course, the Coralville and Iowa City Public Libraries. We look forward to seeing you in October to learn, network, and connect with fellow librarians.
The theme of the 2017 conference is *Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success* and this year’s keynote speakers will provide a unique and inspiring perspective on the theme.

**Kory Stamper** is a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster and just published her debut, *Word by Word*. *Word by Word* takes readers into the world of lexicography—the practice of creating dictionaries—and her work at Merriam-Webster, where she also writes, edits, and appears in the “Ask the Editor” video series. She blogs regularly on language and lexicography at www.korystamper.com, and her writing has appeared in The Guardian and The New York Times, and on Slate.com.

Words and language are incredibly important to inclusion and Kory will share how you and your library can find success through language. Kory is the Thursday morning keynote.

**Jody Gray** is the director of the American Library Association’s Office of Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services. She has been actively involved with equity, diversity, and leadership development since the beginning of her career. Using a social justice framework, Jody and her team are responsible for programs and services that promote recruitment and retention to the field of librarianship and development of best practices in serving underrepresented
Learn from ALA’s experience and expertise in creating safe, responsible, and all-inclusive spaces that serve and represent the entire community. Jody is the Friday morning keynote.

Kory and Jody will present concurrent sessions on the days they present their keynote addresses.

This year’s All Iowa Reads selection is *Bottomland*, by Iowa native Michelle Hoover. *Bottomland* deftly examines the intrepid ways a person can forge a life of their own despite the dangerous obstacles of prejudice and oppression. Michelle currently resides in Boston, where she is the Fannie Hurst Writer-in-Residence at Brandeis University. Michelle is the co-founder and current head of the GrubStreet Novel Incubator program. She is a 2014 NEA Fellow and has been a Writer-in-Residence at Bucknell University, a MacDowell Fellow, and a winner of the PEN/New England Discovery Award. Michelle will speak on Friday during lunch.
Conference Hotel

Make your hotel reservations for the 2017 ILA Conference.

Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

300 East 9th St

Coralville, IA

319-688-4000 or 888-236-2427

Rate: $130/night single/double/triple/quad

The group rate will be available until September 20, 2017 or until the block sells out, whichever comes first.
Trivia Night at ILA

It’s time to start filling your head with trivial facts in preparation for ILA’s Trivia Night! Thursday, October 19th at the ILA Conference in Coralville!

Plan to attend one of ILA’s fun events…Trivia Night! Competition can get fierce as librarians and friends battle for the right to claim being the best at useless knowledge. Dan Wardell will once again be our emcee this year, so you know it will be lively.

Teams of up to 8 people will conspire to answer 80 questions on various topics. If you don’t have a team we’ll find one for you to join that night so you don’t miss out on the fun! There’s no pressure to know all the answers, the team comes up with the answers, and we promise we won’t make you get up in front of everyone.

Eight rounds of ten questions each will cover a wide range of knowledge. Topics could include sports, music, art, books, history, word games, presidents, geography, car emblems, movies, awards, and logos, just to name a few. You’ll be surprised at what you know!

If you have formed a team to play, send me an email to let me know a “point person”, and who’s on the team, and we’ll have a table set up for your team at the event.

Don’t forget you will have the opportunity to purchase Mulligans (free answers) and DoubleDowns (doubles the points for one round)—the money will go to the ILA Foundation. So, get that money gathered, this is for a terrific cause!!!

Dinner is included in the evening event, so be sure to check Trivia Night on your form when you register for the ILA Conference. It will only cost you the price of a meal. Registration will be available soon.
Looking forward to another great Trivia Night!

Nancy Medema

Trivia Night Chair

ILA Awards

Nominations are now open for ILA’s Member of the Year as well as for the Citation of Merit award. Librarians, trustees, friends and institutional members of the Iowa Library Association are eligible for this award ~ if you know an ILA member who meets the criteria for this award, please consider submitting their name in nomination. Award nominations will be accepted until August 4th, and the nomination form can be found here on the ILA website. Nominations are also being considered for ILA’s Citation of Merit* award. If you know of a person or
are also being considered for ILA’s Citation of Merit award. If you know of a person or organization particularly deserving of this recognition, we invite you to submit a nomination.

Awards will be conferred at the 2017 ILA Annual Conference in Coralville.

Alison Ames Galstad
Chair, Awards Committee

Cedar Rapids Public Library Wins Award

The 2017 winners of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service demonstrate impactful programs and services that exceed the expected levels of community outreach and are known as catalysts for community change. They were selected from 30 finalists across the country nominated for the honor.

The 2017 National Medal recipients are:

- Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (Alaska State Museums) (Juneau, Alaska)
- Aspen Art Museum (Aspen, Colorado)
- Cedar Rapids Public Library (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (Skokie, Illinois)
- Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (Wausau, Wisconsin)
- Long Beach Public Library (Long Beach, California)
- Peralta Hacienda Historical Park (Oakland, California)
- Richland Library (Columbia, South Carolina)
- University of Minnesota Libraries (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- Waterville Public Library (Waterville, Maine)
Book Madness at Grant Wood Elementary

Grant Wood Elementary has partnered with the Ambassadors from the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce for this program. The video was created by the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Watch "Book Madness at Grand Wood Elementary"

Chelsea Sims
Teacher Librarian, Iowa City Community School District
Kids First
There were 205 attendees the first day, 207 the second day. 2017 Newberry Winner, Kelly Barnhill presented as a Keynote to the happiness of very many Children's librarians. Hot Topics varied from online safety, sensory Storytime, Picture Book Outreach, and Middle School College/Career Readiness.

Samantha Helmick

Burlington Public Library

Two Iowa Libraries Selected for WebJunction Smart Spaces Grants
Libraries across the country applied for these grants and only 15 were selected, including Iowa's very own Norelius Community Library in Dennison and James Kennedy Public Library in Dyersville! Read more about it here.

Becky Heil
District Consultant, Southeast District
State Library of Iowa

Successful Adult Programs - Gibson Memorial Library

"We've had great success with our free adult crocheting program called "The Gibson Girls" as one of our FREE adult events. Coming soon we'll be offering an adult class in paper origami flowers and an artist/author of her compact coloring book will be here to talk about how her doodling lead to a publication of her coloring book. All these events are free. I would like to know of other adult events that have been successful at other public libraries. Thanks and may the Dewey be with you!"

Merle Lee Pugh
Gibson Memorial Library
The Wallace Winkie Foundation has established a Lifelong Learner Hall of Fame to celebrate and honor Iowans who have made a lasting impact on the quality of life in Iowa through their contributions to lifelong learning. The Foundation is working with the Heritage Area Agency on Aging (a department of Kirkwood Community College). AARP Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa’s Lifelong University are also supporters of the program. The Foundation is accepting nominations through August 30, 2017, for the first inductees into the Hall of Fame.
Nominees may be current or past Iowa residents, and nominators may be family, friends, or admirers. The Foundation will recognize inductees in an October ceremony and will make a one-time minimum donation of $500 to the educational organization or institution of each inductee’s choice.

Nomination forms are available on the Foundation website, parkitvirtualmuseum.com, or on the Lifelong Learner Hall of Fame Facebook page.
National Novel Writing Month

This summer, National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is excited to offer libraries the resources and support to lead a youth Summer Writing Program filled with NaNoWriMo's unique blend of creativity, grit, and seat-of-your-pants fun. Participants of all ages will choose projects they care about, set ambitious goals, get daily feedback on their progress, and receive support from an international community of fellow writers, all participating in CampNaNoWriMo's July session together.

We believe young people's' stories matter—so let's make sure they get told!

Download NaNoWriMo's Summer Writing Program resources!

Resources include:

- Introductory Letter for librarians and community leaders
- Program Flyer for display
- Introductory Letter and FAQs for interested participants
- Writing Project Cover Page for participants
- Independent Progress Trackers for participants
- Group Progress Poster for display

Plus a rich collection of digital resources available at nanowrimo.org, campnanowrimo.org, and ywp.nanowrimo.org.
Write to reach your goal and discover the mysterious creatures of Camp NaNoWriMo along the way. Color in your progress! (You might need an adult to help you figure out your milestones.)

Milestones

- 10%: You caught your first Plot Bunny!
- 20%:
- 30%:
- 40%:
- 50%:
- 60%:
- 70%:
- 80%:
- 90%:
- 100%: You rule!

You win!
ILA Capitol Report

Amy and Craig gave their final legislative update at the end of April. Read the whole report here. Here's a snippet on libraries & the budget too.

Library Budget Issues

With all the extreme cuts throughout the budget, the budget picture for libraries was bad but it could have been much worse. The library community relies on the State for three line items: the State Library and Enrich Iowa out of the Education Budget, and funding for the Learning Express database from the Economic Development Budget. The final budget passed by the Legislature includes the following:

- The Economic Development Budget includes language that requires the Iowa Workforce Development department to use $150,000 for the Learning Express database.
- A total reduction of $185,000 to the State Library since the end of FY 2016 which ended last June. The new FY 2018 budget will be $2,530,063.
- A total reduction of $109,405 for Enrich Iowa since the end of FY 2016 which ended last June. The new FY 2018 budget will be $2,468,423.

Going forward, the takeaway from the session is that there are A LOT of new legislators that really need to hear from their libraries. Please reach out to them in the months ahead, host them at your facility, show them the Learning Express database, and tell them how important State Library and Enrich Iowa programs are to you!

ILA Executive Board Nominations

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position in the Iowa Library Association, or know someone else who would be a good fit, please fill out the Nominee Information Form at this url:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlFjdi6zNEoZFs2jw9i432KVLdM--R4Iu3j4zCvQix6HWMIA/viewform

If you have any questions, please contact Leo Clougherty, the Nomination Committee Chair, at leo-clougherty@uiowa.edu
National Library Legislative Day

ILA President Rebecca Funke, Past-President Alison Ames Galstad, and State Librarian Michael Scott visited Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislative Day
in May. They worked hard to lobby federal officials for funding for Iowa’s libraries. Here they are pictured with Senator Chuck Grassley. Contact them if you have more questions about their visit.

Committee for Diversity & Inclusion - Resource Round-Up

Here is another installment of the ILA Committee for Diversity & Inclusion Resource Round-up. We’re working on promoting awareness of issues relating to diversity and inclusion to the greater ILA membership. If you have resources that fall under the diversity and inclusion umbrella you feel might be helpful or interesting for the ILA membership, please feel free to send them my way and I will work with the committee to share them out as appropriate.

Cara B. Stone
Chair, ILA Ad Hoc Committee for Diversity & Inclusion

- Combating Hate Crimes Hosted by Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission
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  https://www.facebook.com/events/330072400744211/?action_history=null RSVP required, Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 PM - 8 PM, Des Moines University 3200 Grand Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

- Summer School of Youth Activism! For Youth! Hosted by Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa June 27-30 https://www.facebook.com/events/282388438898472/?action_history=null Registration required; “Youth will learn about systemic oppression and learn skills to create social change in their community.”


- Teaching Tolerance (Southern Poverty Law Center) http://www.tolerance.org/ (Thank you to Jerri J. Heid from Ames Public Library for sharing!)

- What the Fidget Spinners Fad Reveals About Disability Discrimination by Aiyana Bailin http://www.thinkingautismguide.com/2017/05/what-fidget-spinners-fad-reveals-about.html?m=1 (Thank you to Becky Canovan from University of Dubuque for sharing!)

- Hispanic Heritage Month: A Library Resource Round-Up from Programming Librarian http://www.programminglibrarian.org/latinoamericans


· 13 Latinx Podcasts That Should Be On Your Radar

· Speaking Up, TED Radio Hour http://www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour/522852772/speaking-up

· On Point (WBUR Boston Public Radio) Mixed-Race Campus, Black-Only Graduation
  http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2017/05/15/black-only-graduation

· Georgia Aims To Make Its Websites Accessible For All, American Public Media’s Marketplace
  https://www.marketplace.org/2017/05/17/tech/georgia-aims-make-its-websites-accessible-all

· 'The Color Of Law' Details How U.S. Housing Policies Created Segregation, NPR’s All Things Considered
  http://www.npr.org/2017/05/17/528822128/the-color-of-law-details-how-u-s-housing-policies-created-segregation

· Libraries are for Everyone, signage and other print materials from Hafuboti, Rebecca McCorkindale
  https://hafuboti.com/?s=libraries+are+for+everyone

· Love Has No Labels http://lovehasnolabels.com/

· ISU, community celebrate naming of George A. Jackson Black Cultural Center, Ames
Participate in a study about post-election stress in LGBTQ communities

5 Tech Innovations That Are Helping Kids With Visual Impairments in the Classroom
http://www.emergingedtech.com/2017/05/5-tech-innovations-that-are-helping-kids-with-visual-impairments-in-the-classroom/

When a Theory Goes Viral: Intersectionality is now everywhere. Is that a good thing?
From the Chronicle of Higher Education http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Intersectionality-Wars/240095?key=2LXo1L2mwMRA4ctYVJ7Z8RU7OeqPve8tYncIU5IJLak0xfUcr98FsqIgzcuiQ-z9OWxuNl9qejJ0VnQxY1F1Q245NWhHTi10bmd3bldmZF9scGJBMkk2d2NGVQ

W. Kamau Bell’s Awkward Thoughts on Race and Chris Rock, Illustrated

A Different Way of Thinking: 18 Books About Autistic Mighty Girls
http://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=14948

Riordan Praised for Removing “Spirit Animal” Reference from Novel, School Library Journal

New LGBTQ+ Graphic Novels Bibliography Available