Welcome to the October Catalyst

In this issue you'll find all the details you need about the upcoming ILA Fall Conference. If you have a story, idea, picture, or any other library-related news you would like to share with the membership, feel free to send it to us. We have a handy Share ILA News (http://bit.ly/ShareILANews) form for just this purpose. We look forward to hearing from you!
President’s Message
Have you registered yet? The ILA Annual Conference is just around the corner! I hope you plan to attend part or all of this year’s conference, Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success.

We have four great pre-conferences opening the conference this year! The Grand Opening of the Exhibits Hall begins at 3:00 p.m. That will also be your first chance to take in the array of items available in the ILAF Silent Auction. To top off this day is the SLIS Anniversary Reception! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UI School of Library and Information Science. All are welcome to attend. Hors d’oeuvres, dessert, cash bar, and a special retrospective of photos highlight the event. If you plan to come but didn’t indicate that on your conference registration, please contact Melissa Primus and you’ll be added to the list.

Thursday and Friday are packed with concurrent sessions offered to expand your knowledge and pique your interests in lots of different areas: Automating Technical Services, Summer Dare Everywhere, HR Confidential, Poverty in
Iowa, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Inclusive Programming are just a few of the engaging sessions you’ll find! **Kory Stamper** will kick off the day Thursday with her keynote *The Language in the Mirror: Dictionaries, Inclusivity, and the Irritating Care of “Irregardless”*, and don’t forget to register for the third annual **Trivia Night** with Dan Wardell on Thursday evening! Friday promises another fabulous lineup, bookmarked by the engaging Keynote Speaker, **Jody Gray**, and All Iowa Reads author, **Michelle Hoover**, and 14 concurrent sessions offered in-between! And, of course, our wonderful exhibitor friends will be available to visit and show you all they have to offer! These folks help us make Iowa libraries welcoming, inviting, and inclusive for our patrons!

There will be a few changes to the schedule this year so please take note!

- Awards Luncheon: Thursday’s lunch has been designated as a special time to honor award recipients. Please join us in celebrating!
- Breakfast with the Board: New this year! Please join the Board for light breakfast and conversation. This is your opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts and opinions about the direction of ILA, and just get to know your Board members.
- ILA Business Meeting: No longer part of Thursday’s lunch, the Business Meeting will be Friday morning.

Included in this issue of the *Catalyst* are the photos, bios, and statements for the candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect and Executive Board. Again this year, we have asked all candidates to provide a brief video statement which are available on the ILA website. This will give members greater access to the candidates, rather than limiting access to only those members who are able to attend the conference. Additionally, all candidates will be available at the ILA Booth in the Exhibit Hall to meet and talk with you! Please join me in thanking the candidates for their willingness to run, and to step into a leadership position for ILA, as well as the Nominating Committee for their work in lining up such a solid slate of candidates for the organization.
Finally, I want to extend a huge thank you to the ILA Conference Planning Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee, for all their time and effort in making this event possible. Without your hard work, we would not be able to come together for these 3 days to learn, share, and connect. Thank you!

Can’t wait to see you all in Coralville!

Rebecca Funke  
ILA President

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**2017 Conference Schedule Updates**

The 2017 conference planning committee has updated the conference schedule. Three events have moved to new times and a new event has been added to the schedule.

The **Leadership Institute Reunion Breakfast** will now be held on **Thursday morning** from 7:45 – 8:25 a.m. The **New Members Breakfast** will continue to take place on **Thursday morning** from 7:45 – 8:25 a.m.

Lunch on **Thursday** is now the **Awards Luncheon**. All awards will be presented during lunch, making it a great opportunity for recipients to invite colleagues, family, or friends to join them. Exhibitors, sponsors, and corporate members will also be recognized during this lunch.

New this year is **Breakfast with the Board on Friday morning** from 7:30 – 8:20 a.m. The ILA board will provide updates and be available for discussion. State Librarian Michael Scott will also provide the library services update at this breakfast.
The ILA business meeting will take place during the Friday General Session, which begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes Jody Gray’s keynote.

Important Links for the Fall Conference

One of the most important links here is for Sched, the online tool we use to help organize the conference. Are you a first-time user? We've got a video here to help you navigate using Sched.

ILA Fall Conference - Main Page

Conference Registration - Online

Conference Registration - Downloadable Form

Detailed Conference Schedule

Detailed Conference Sessions & Agenda: Sched
New to Sched? Try this video and Sam will help you navigate it.

Ready for the conference? Here are some tips to get ready.
Wellness
SUPPORT YOUR WELLNESS BY WEARING COMFORTABLE LAYERS TO MANAGE ROOM TEMPERATURES, TAKING BREAKS, AND REMEMBERING TO HYDRATE.

Enjoy the Process
DESIGNATE TIME TO ENJOY THE CULTURE OF THE COMMUNITY YOU ARE VISITING AND THE AMAZING PEOPLE OF YOUR PROFESSION! CHECK OUT CONFERENCE LISTINGS FOR LOCAL EATS & EVENTS!

Vendors
CHECK THE VENDOR LISTING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE TO KNOW WHICH BOOTHs YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT WITH AND PLAN TIMES TO VISIT.

Your Gear
REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR GEAR FOR SUCCESS! GEAR MAY INCLUDE A WATER BOTTLE, PENS, DEVICE CHARGERS, AND SNACKS.
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Pre-Conference Sessions Announced for ILA Conference

Important reminder: the deadline to sign up for pre-conference sessions is Friday October 6th

The ILA Conference will hold four pre-conference sessions on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Below is information about the sessions and speakers. We hope you can plan on joining us for one of these sessions on Wednesday. Each session will be held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and includes lunch.

**Askable Adults Matter**
At this session, youth-serving professionals will be encouraged to improve upon their communication and referral skills on the topics of sexual health, contraception, safe sex, and other sexuality issues. This training will help you put your own values in check so that you can give the teen seeking assistance accurate information. This session will expand your ability to provide localized reference assistance to teens in need of health information.

Askable Adults is presented by Anna Hartmann, youth services manager at the Council Bluffs Public Library, and Jacob Kahn, a health educator for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

**Succession Planning And Mentoring For All Libraries**
This session will be a review of four different organizational cultures and formal mentoring programs and how these two components interact with generational differences and can be aligned to lead to successful succession planning.

Presenters are Judith Nixon, a professor and the liaison librarian to the College of Education at Purdue University and Erla Heyns, the head of the Humanities, Social Science, Education and Business Division of Purdue University Libraries and associate
professor, Libraries.

**Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success: A Pre-Conference In Three Parts**

This session will explore the conference theme from three different perspectives:

- Part I will discuss inclusion from physical proximity to habitual attitude. Along the way you will learn about ability awareness, the skill of recognizing that what someone can do is much more important than what he/she can’t do. This section is presented by the father-and-son team of Paul and Tyler Greene. Paul is an inclusion advocate and on the boards of Together We Play and Inclusion Connection. Tyler is the inclusion coordinator for Together We Play.
- During Part II, learn about the Storybook Project, which keeps incarcerated parents and their children connected through reading. Part II will be presented by Tabby Kuehl, the coordinated intake manager at Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa. She had coordinated the Storybook program for 10 years.
- Part III will be presented by LaTasha DeLoach, co-founder of Sankofa Outreach Connection. LaTasha will present on cultivating diversity in the workforce and ways to recruit a diverse staff team.

**Iowa City Libraries & Literature Bus Tour**

This tour will visit two new libraries on the campus of the University of Iowa: the long-term, state-of-the-art storage facility for the University of Iowa libraries and the University of Iowa Rita Benton Music Library in the new Voxman Music Building. Following those visits, Rachael Carlson, director of operations for the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, will lead a literary tour of Iowa City.

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**Conference Keynote Speakers Will Address Seeking Inclusion,**
Finding Success

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.

**Thursday Morning: Kory Stamper**

“Inclusion stretches and challenges us in unexpected ways—and not even the dictionary is exempt,” writes Kory Stamper, the Thursday morning keynote. Kory is a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster and just published her debut, *Word by Word*. She will take you on a wild romp through the ways that the dictionary must follow the language into inclusivity, and how tracking and recording the language puts us face to face with the need to be inclusive and our own assumptions about what inclusivity is.

**Friday Morning: Jody Gray**

**Jody Gray** is the director of the American Library Association’s Office of Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and will present the **Friday morning keynote**. Earlier this year, the American Library Association adopted a new strategic direction for equity, diversity, and inclusion. The first goal is, “commit to ameliorating marginalization and underrepresentation within the Association and the communities served by libraries through increased understanding of the effects of historical exclusion.” Jody will discuss the importance and the complex nature of inclusion in a time where our country is visibly divided.

**Stamper and Gray Concurrent Sessions**

Kory and Jody will present concurrent sessions on the days they present their keynote addresses. Kory’s session will expand on her keynote.

Jody’s session is titled **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Beginning the Conversation**. There are many ways to begin addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries. Whether you are engaging your community, addressing staffing issues, or a combination of the two,
there are many ways to approach these issues. Her session will discuss ways to strategize the best approach for your institution.

**Friday All Iowa Reads Luncheon: Michelle Hoover**
This year’s All Iowa Reads selection is Bottomland, by Iowa native Michelle Hoover. Michelle’s talk is titled The Power of Fiction: Discovering the Universal within the Individual. She will speak about what inspired her to write Bottomland and how she dramatized the life of one small 1920s Iowa farm family to reflect the larger American experience both of the past and today.

You won’t want to miss these speakers, along with the learning sessions and exhibitors. **Registration for the ILA Conference is now open!**
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Conference T-Shirts Available for Pre-Order

*The Library Is Open* t-shirts will be available for pre-order through Oct. 6. You must order and pay for your t-shirt online prior to the conference. T-shirts will be available for pick-up at the conference.

There are two t-shirt design options: one with a large logo on the front of the shirt and another with a smaller logo on the left chest. The designs are available in antique jade or ice gray and in heavy or women's T styles.

Each shirt is $14 with additional cost for extra-large sizes. More information is available on the ordering website.

Order a Signed Copy of *Bottomland*

This year's All Iowa Reads selection is *Bottomland* by author and Iowa native Michell Hoover. Hoover will speak at the All Iowa Reads lunch on Friday.

Signed copies of *Bottomland* are available through the Harvard Bookstore. Buyers can include directions about who to sign the book to and other signing requests in the comment area when making the purchase.

In addition to making signed copies available in advance to conference attendees, Hoover is extending this opportunity to Iowa readers who would not otherwise have access to a book signing. Please share this information with book clubs or other reading groups who are reading *Bottomland* at your library.

Celebrate 50 Years of the University of Iowa SLIS at the Conference

In the fall of 1965, the State Board of Regents authorized the establishment of
the School of Library Science at the University of Iowa, which later became the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS). The first class of students started in September of 1967 and since that time more than 2,230 M.A. in LIS degrees have been awarded.

Join the University of Iowa in celebrating the 50th anniversary of SLIS at one or both of the following events at the annual conference. Please indicate your interest in attending these events on your registration form.

**SLIS Anniversary Reception**

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Coral Ballroom

**SLIS Anniversary Open House**

Friday, October 20
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Third floor, Main Library
125 West Washington Street, Iowa City

- Enjoy refreshments
- Learn about the expanding field of LIS and the two-year graduate program
- Talk to current students, alumni, and faculty
- View videos highlighting the past as well as features of the current program

For questions or more information contact slis@uiowa.edu.
ILA Welcomes New Members

The strength of the Iowa Library Association is due to its members, who provide their time, talent, and financial support to advancing the field and providing quality library services to all Iowans.

ILA extends a warm welcome to all new personal, institutional, and corporate members. Click here to see the list of new members this year.

Have a colleague or friend who is not a member of ILA? Encourage them to join! All new members who join before the end of the year are eligible for a 50% discount on personal membership dues.

New Members and First-Time Attendees Invited to Special Breakfast

The ILA Membership Committee will host a ILA New Members Breakfast at the annual conference on Thursday, October 19 at 7:45 a.m. in Coral D.

The ILA Membership Committee will give an overview of the conference, share information about ILA and how you might get more involved, and answer questions. Come for breakfast, an opportunity to meet your fellow librarians, and a chance at winning a door prize.

For more information, contact the ILA office at 515-282-8192 or admin@iowalibraryassociation.org.

Still Time to Register - Fall Conference

There's still time to sign up to attend the conference!

Click here to register online.
Click here to download a copy of the registration form and attend the conference.
ILA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 18-20, 2017 • CORALVILLE MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

Conference registration and request for meals must be received with payment by October 5. Payment is by check or credit card. Online registration and payment are available at www.iowalibraryassociation.org.

WEDNESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Sessions
- Askable Adults Matter - Anna Hartmann & Jacob Kohl
- Member Full Conference: $30
- Nonmember Full Conference: $45
- Member Thursday Only: $30
- Nonmember Thursday Only: $45
- Full-time Student: $20
- Exhibit Only: $15

On-site registration: add $20 to the above Oct. 4 registration fee.

MEALS AND TRIVIA NIGHT

May not be ordered after Oct. 4.
- Two Day Meal Package: $50
- Thursday Lunch: $21
- Thursday Trivia Night & Dinner: $21
- Friday All Iowa Roads Lunch: $23

*Two day meal package includes Thursday & Friday lunch and Thursday Trivia Night & dinner.
**Trivia Night registration includes your participation on a team for trivia night and dinner. If you don't have your own team, you will be placed on a team.

Dietary Requirements:

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Iowa Library Association
5019 Vista Drive
West Des Moines, IA 50266
Fax: 515-282-0917

PLEASE NOTE:
- Meal tickets will NOT be sold at the conference and no changes can be made to selections.
- Guests of registered conference attendees may attend only the social functions without paying registration fees. Please use a separate form to order their meals.
- Individuals may register to participate in the Thursday Trivia Night & Dinner without registering for the conference.

Registration:
- Total for Meals: $45
- Pre-Conference: $15
- Total Enclosed: $60

Check # Amount

When you mail a check as payment, you can either call or use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account to our processing bank in Des Moines.

Online registration and payment are available at www.iowalibraryassociation.org

- Please retain a copy of this form for your records.
ILA Trivia Night Thursday October 19th

Trivia Night will once again be the entertainment for Thursday evening during the ILA Annual Conference. Dan Wardell return as the emcee and this year’s questions are shaping up to be challenging yet fun. The Local Arrangements Committee is working to add an element of surprise to the evening, so you don’t want to miss out!

Teams of eight will compete for prizes and bragging rights in this friendly competition. To participate, be sure to sign up for Thursday night’s dinner on the ILA Conference Registration Form. To reserve a table for your team, send an email to Nancy Medema (Nancy.Medema@iowa.gov) with a list of team players, you will be the contact for any further information. If you don’t have a team, don’t worry! Like last year, we can group you with others looking for a team so you can participate and enjoy the fun.

Mulligans (free answers) will again be available for purchase at $10 for 10 Mulligans (limit 10 per team). Double Downs, which double your score for that round, will also be available for purchase at $5 for one (limit one per team). So, bring some spending cash. These are both great ways to increase your score! Proceeds will go to the ILA Foundation.

We hope you’ll join us for an evening of fun on October 19!

ILA Foundation Raffle & Silent Auction

Want to donate something? Visit the ILA Foundation website!
ILA Foundation Announces 2017 Raffle and Silent Action At Coralville, IA

Raffle Options

Visit the Exhibit Hall to buy Raffle Tickets or bid on the Silent Auction items donated by Exhibitors and ILA members.

**Auction items are needed**: Handcrafted items, theme baskets or .... Complete the ILAF Auction Donation form at: https://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/foundation

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2017 ILA Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 20, 2017

Coralville Hotel & Conference Center – Coralville, IA

1. Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Adoption of Standing Rules
3. Amendments to and Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2016 Business Meeting
5. New Business
6. 2018 Legislative Agenda
7. Open Forum
8. Remarks from the President
9. Acknowledgement of Resolutions of Courtesy
10. Adjournment
Ken Jones and the team look forward to seeing you again at the ILA Show in Coralville this October! Stop by to see what’s new!
Vote for Executive Board Candidates

The 2017 ILA Nominating Committee and ILA Executive Board are pleased to present the slate of candidates for the ILA elections. Voting opens on Monday, October 23 and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 3. See below for more information about voting.

The candidates are:

Vice President/President-Elect

- Dan Chibnall: Drake University, Des Moines
- Sarah Uthoff: Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids and Oxford Public Library

At Large Executive Board Seat 1

- Rebecca Berg: Dike Public Library
- Sonja Ferrell: Ottumwa Public Library

At Large Executive Board Seat 2

- Ryan Gjerde: Luther College, Decorah
- Lisa Martincik: University of Iowa, Iowa City

Read biographies and statements provided by each candidate.

Watch YouTube videos of the personal statements of each candidate.

Electronic Voting Guidelines

ILA utilizes electronic voting for the ILA Executive Board election. According to the Bylaws, only personal members are eligible to vote.
On Monday, October 23, an email will be sent to ILA personal members with the required link for voting. One vote per personal member will be counted.

If you are currently a personal member, and either do not receive the email or do not use email, please contact the ILA Office at admin@iowalibraryassociation.org, 515-282-8192. The ILA staff will be happy to email or mail you a ballot.

All voting must be completed and submitted by Friday, November 3, at 5:00 p.m.

Rebekah Walker - Tillson Scholarship Award Winner

August 8, 2017

Dear ILA Community,
As the recipient of the 2016 Jack Tillson Scholarship from the Iowa Library Association Foundation, I am honored to share how the scholarship enriched my time as a graduate student and aided me in my transition into the professional world of librarianship.

Receiving this scholarship allowed me to attend multiple conferences this past year: ILA in October 2016, the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) conference in January 2017, ACRL in March 2017, and ALA Annual in June 2017. Attending multifarious national conferences allowed me to interact with librarians from all different libraries and experience a multitude of session topics. Each conference granted me a slightly different view of librarianship—ILA showed me how dedicated professionals from all backgrounds can work together; ALISE presented LIS education-specific viewpoints that most graduate students do not get to encounter; ACRL demonstrated how academic libraries can broaden and consider issues of education, ethics, and workplace dynamics; and ALA gave me insight into the intricacies of how a national professional organization functions.

I am particularly pleased I was able to attend so many conferences during my final year as a graduate student. Spending concentrated time with other LIS graduate students and librarians in multifarious settings gave me great insight into what type of work environment I felt I would fit into, and there is no better way to gauge the field and people’s passion for their work than at conferences. Combined, attending these conferences left me feeling well-rounded and confident about entering the job market. I was able to apply the knowledge I gained at the conferences to my job interviews, and am excited to continue applying the knowledge in my new role as Digital Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

The Tillson scholarship allowed me to greatly enrich my knowledge and level of interaction with other professionals in the field, and for that I am very grateful. These experiences augmented my education and helped prepare me for my first professional position.
Thank you again to the ILAF for the honor and for your support of graduate students. Even though I am moving out of Iowa, I look forward to hearing future ILA updates!

Sincerely,

Rebekah Walker
Here is a list of our 2017 conference exhibitors. If you would like a copy of the list, feel free to download one here.
2017 ILA Conference Exhibitors

Registered as of September 12, 2017

ABDO
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Best Books
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Blank Park Zoo
Book Systems Inc.
Bound to Stay Bound Books
Britannica Digital Learning
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Clear Image Solutions - RMC Imaging
EBSCO Information Services
Emporia State University, School of Library & Information Management
EnvisionWare
FEH Design
Gabe Flynn Publisher's Representative
Gale, a Cengage Company
Gumdrop Books
Ingram Content Group
International Library and Cultural Exchange - Colorado Association Of Libraries
Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council
Iowa Library Association
Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Iowa Prison Industries
Iowa Small Library Association
Iowa State Education Association
Jones Library Sales - Library Furniture International
Koch Brothers
Mackin
Magazine Subscription Service Agency
Martin Gardner Architecture, P.C.
Midwest Storage Solutions
Minitex
MOBIUS
Niche Academy
NNLM Greater Midwest Region
OSDI
Perma-Bound
Playaway Pre-Loaded Products by Findaway
Recorded Books
Rosen Publishing
Salem Press
SirsiDynix
State Library of Iowa
Tech Logic
TEI Landmark Audio
The Rook Farm
Save the Date for Annual Planning Day

Save the date for the Annual Planning Day, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Johnston Public Library. Registration and check-in will open at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. More information about Annual Planning Day, and the registration form, will be shared with members soon.

2018 ILA Legislative Agenda

Part of the mission of the Iowa Library Association is to advocate for quality library services for all Iowans. While this advocacy is always important, it has become even more critical in the last year, which has included budget shortfalls in Iowa. In addition to funding, there are other important issues facing libraries that will be decided by lawmakers.

It is important for all ILA members to be engaged in the legislative process and to make our voices heard for the field and for the Iowans we serve. All members are encouraged to become familiar with ILA’s Legislative Agenda for 2018. The agenda will be presented for approval to the membership at the business meeting during lunch on Friday, Oct. 20 at the annual conference.

Watch for more information about ILA’s annual Legislative Day and other ways to advocate for quality library services.

If you would like a PDF copy of the agenda, feel free to download one here.
Iowa Library Association 2018 Legislative Agenda

Iowans love our libraries!

- More than 49,000 Iowans use a library each day.
- State reimbursement for interlibrary loans allowed libraries to share more than 95,000 items last year.
- 65% of Iowans have library cards and they check out more than 26 million items each year.

Libraries provide vital public services not available from any other source. In libraries across the state Iowans can access the Internet, find early childhood educational programs and homework help, and take advantage of resources for job searches, career development, and personal enrichment. To support these vital services, the Iowa Library Association asks the General Assembly to meet the following goals in 2018:

- **Full funding for the State Library of Iowa**: Every dollar invested in the State Library helps fulfill the Library's mission to partner with public libraries to improve service for all.

- **Increased funding for Enrich Iowa**: This statewide program of direct state aid for Iowa public libraries helps them modernize infrastructure, update technology and provide innovative services. State assistance also ensures that Iowans can use their local library card to check out materials at participating libraries across Iowa. Furthermore, state support for interlibrary loans give Iowans equal access to library resources by promoting resource sharing among all types of libraries.

- **Continued financial support for statewide career and workforce related databases**: These interactive online learning platforms feature over 770 practice tests, tutorials, and eBooks related to job search and workplace skills improvement, career certification and licensing exam preparation, college entrance and graduate school admissions exam preparation, GED exam preparation, and basic skills improvement in reading, writing, and math, for all ages.

- **Recognition of teacher librarians as school instructional staff**: Directing the Department of Education to designate teacher librarians as instructional staff who provide student learning in school libraries, classrooms, learning commons, makerspaces, labs, and virtual learning spaces. Teacher librarians play a critical role within the educational team in each Iowa school district and work closely with their public library, academic library, and special library colleagues to provide lifelong information literacy and to strengthen Iowa communities.

- **Preserving Iowa’s tradition of hometown governance for public libraries**: Preserve hometown governance in Iowa’s public libraries by maintaining support for the policy-making autonomy of public library boards of trustees.

- **Support funding to preserve Iowa’s historical documents and records**: We have a duty to future Iowans to use best practices to preserve, protect, and publicize our unique historical materials.

The Iowa Library Association will continue to monitor and address other legislative issues as they affect the Iowa library community. The Iowa Library Association, founded in 1890, is the organized voice of the Iowa library community. Its 1500 members sustain Iowa’s public, academic, school and special libraries.